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ジョーがうめく！　ジョーがのたうつ！　力石の亡霊においつめられ、ドサ廻りの拳闘屋にまでおちこみながら、なおも明日をめざすけんか屋ジョー！　男の孤独と魂をうたう感動巨編！

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TOMORROW'S JOE

Written by Asao Takamori (Kajiwara Ikki)
Drawn by Chiba Tetsuya

宿敵の力石徹を恐怖の必殺パンチで死なせた野性のボクサー矢吹丈は、はげしいショックと虚脱感から、一度はリング生活を捨てたが、会長の丹下段平や白木葉子らの強い説得でふたたびリングに返り咲いた。

丈はその後、対戦相手をつぎつぎにKOして、一見順調なカムバックぶりを見せていたが、心の底からは力石の死の影が消えず、その恐れから、強敵相手でのここ一発のパンチがいつか使えなくなっていた。

折からチャンピオンのタイガー尾崎との対戦をむかえたが、強打を失った丈はもろくもTKOで敗れ、つづく対原島戦では、相手をダウンさせながら、とつぜん、原因不明のはき気におそわれて、リング上に倒れてしまった……。

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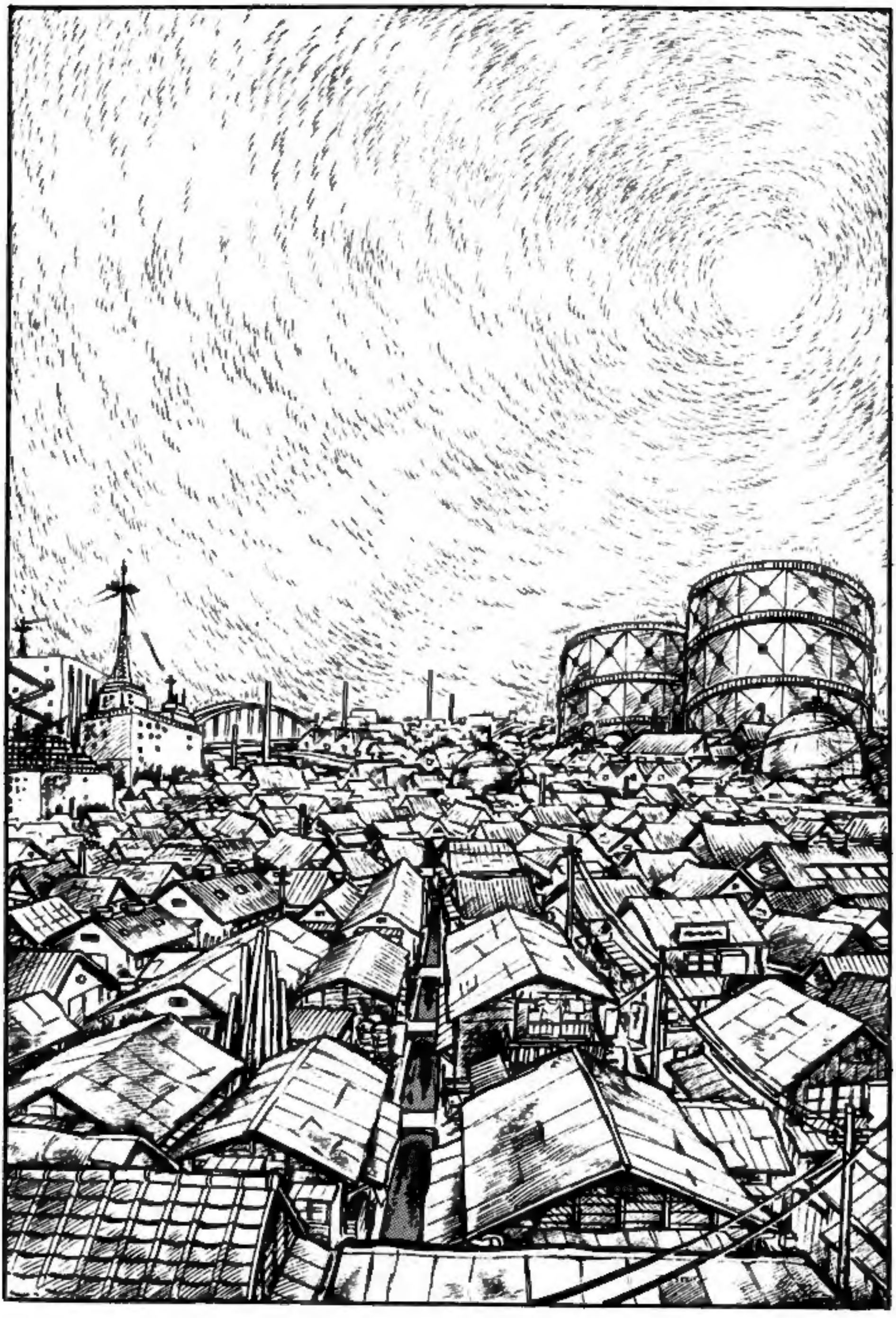
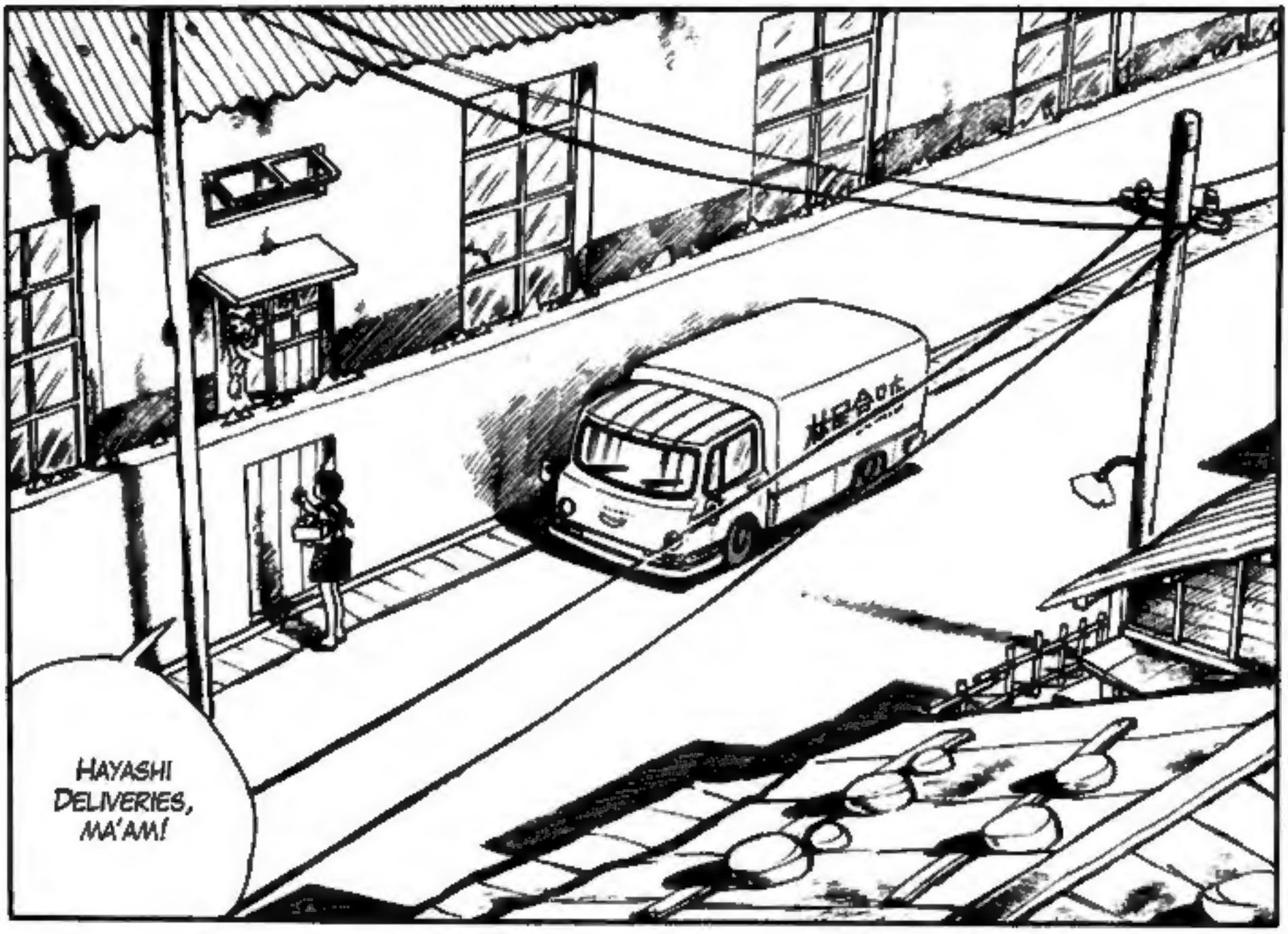
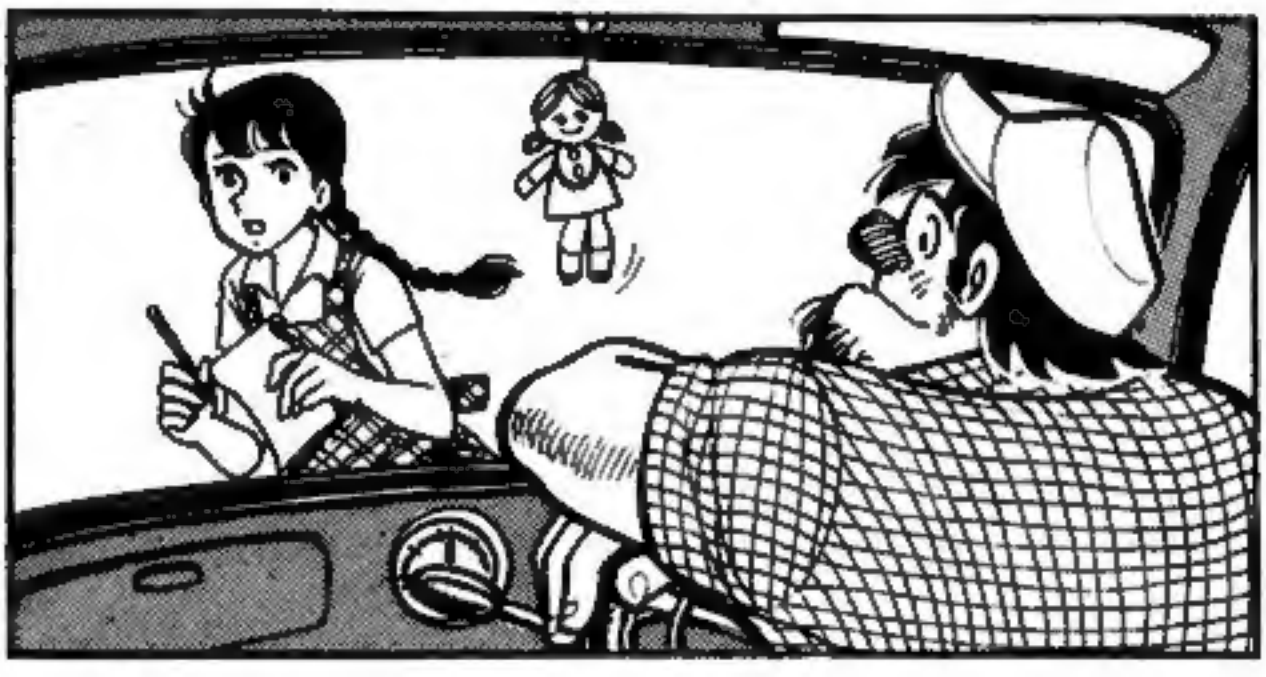



HAYASHI DELIVERIES, MA'AM!

AND THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STORE.
OH THANK YOU!



WHAT'S THE MATTER, NORI-

林屋食品店

JOE...

林屋食品店

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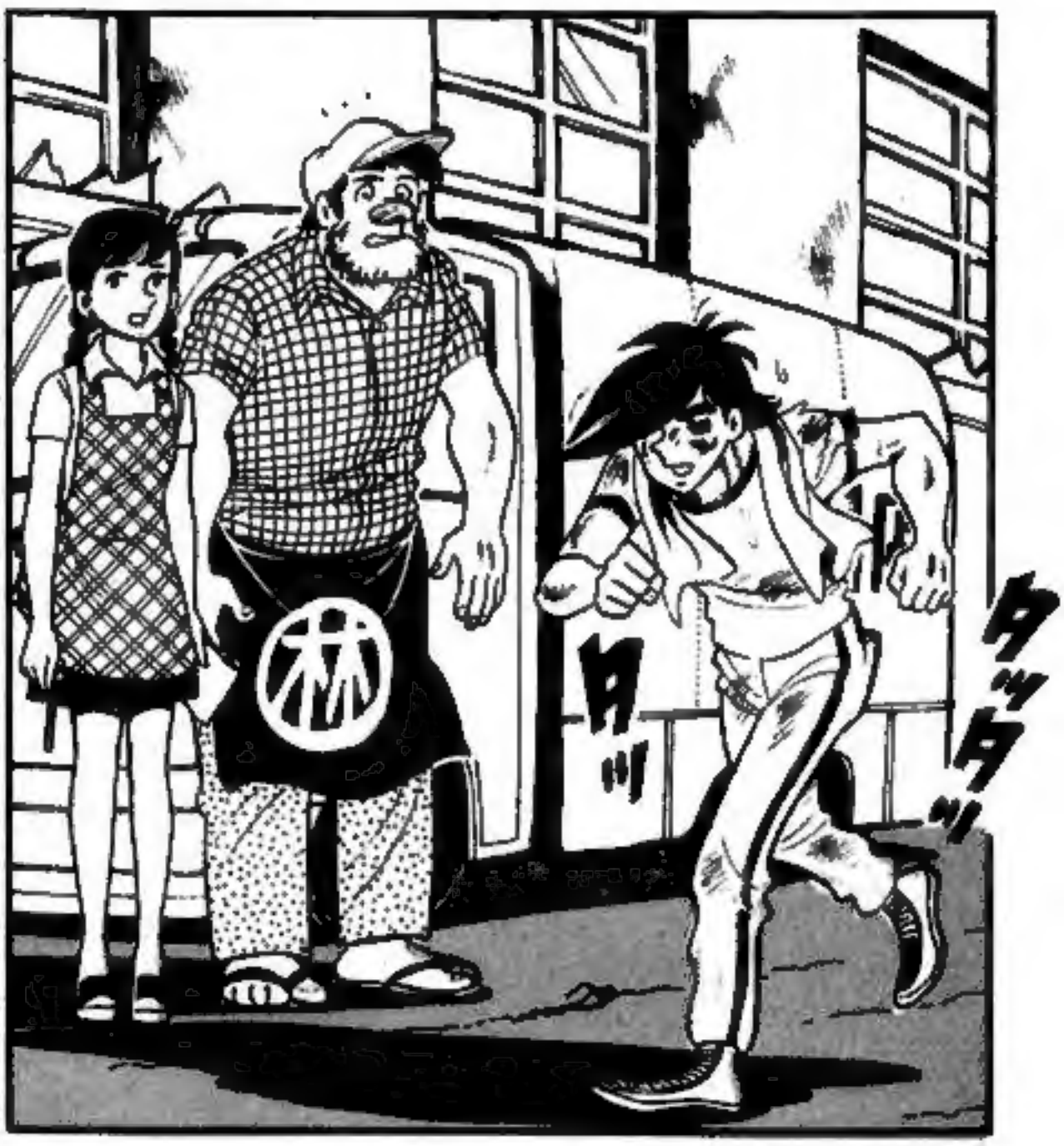
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YABUKI...

HI
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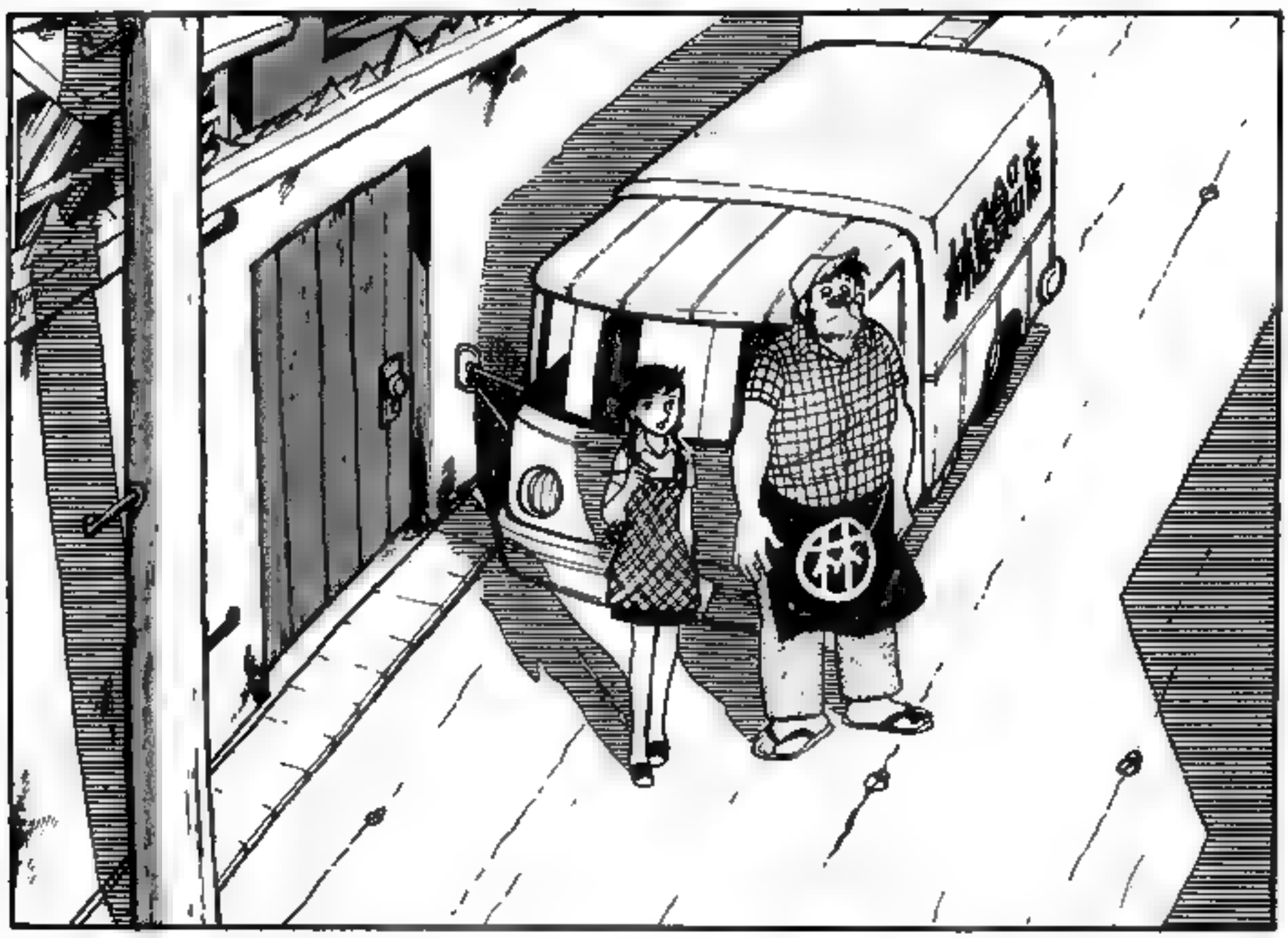


C'MON THEN.

WE SHOULD GET GOING. CAN'T BE LATE WITH THESE DELIVERIES AND ALL.

YES, LET'S GO.

Y...

NORIKO?

SHADDUP, YOU'RE NOT EVEN THE ONE PLAYING!

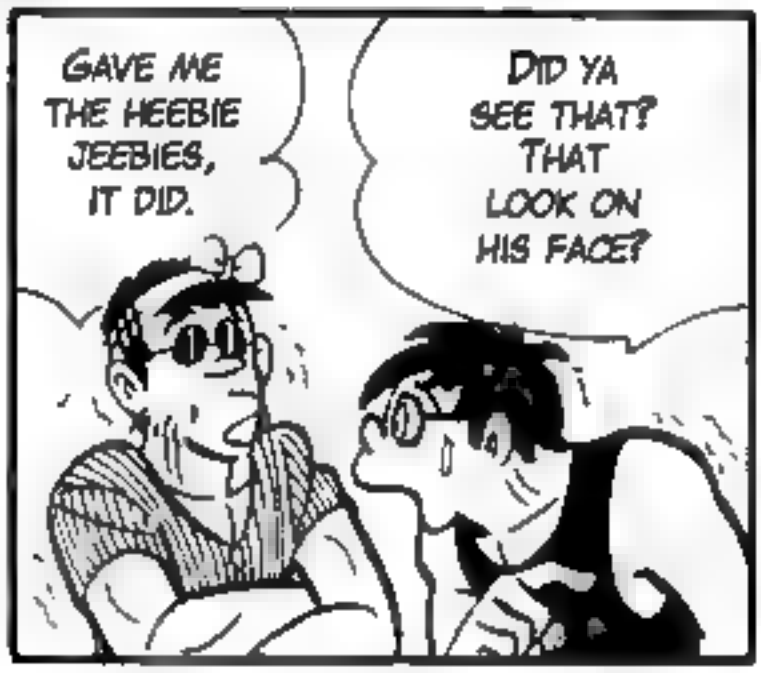
JUST MAKE YOUR DAMN MOVE ALREADY.

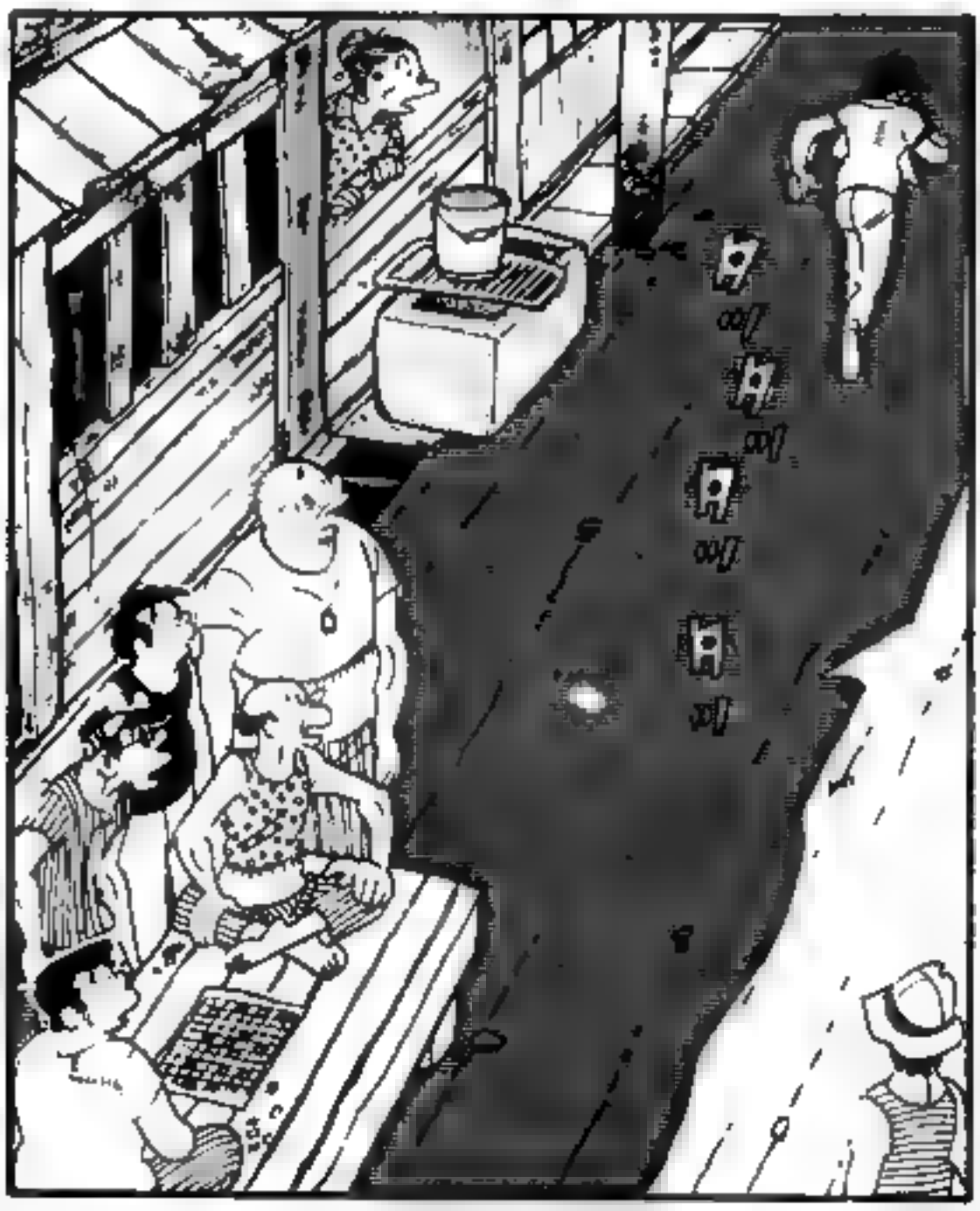
HOW LONG ARE YA GONNA THINK FOR?

H-HEY...

EXPO'10

HEY, CLEAR THE ROAD!


GAVE ME THE HEEBIE JEEBIES, IT DID.
DID YA SEE THAT? THAT LOOK ON HIS FACE?



I HEAR HE'S GONNA FIGHT NANGOU, THE #2 RANKED BANTAMWEIGHT...

IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS JUST TALK.
HE ALWAYS SAID HE'D CROSS THAT BRIDGE OF TEARS BUT...
PRETTY DEPRESSING IF YA THINK ABOUT IT.

AND NOW TO CHALLENGE RANK #2...
LOSE AGAINST THE CHAMP, THEN LOSE AGAINST RANK #1,

SSH...

SSH!

SSH...

HEY, SHH!

I GUESS OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD'S SHINING STAR OF HOPE IS NOTHING MORE THAN AN INSIGNIFICANT STAR IN THE BOXING UNIVERSE...

AH-

YOU'RE ALL GROWN MEN HERE. SO IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY, THEN SAY IT!

WHAT ARE YOU SHUSHING FOR...?

DON'T YOU START BADMOUTHING OUR HERO JUST BECAUSE OF TWO MEASLY LOSSES, YOU DEADBEATS!

IT'S CALLED A SLUMP, SACHI!

DON'T YOU SCUMBAGS KNOW EVERY PLAYER GOES THROUGH A DUMP AT LEAST ONCE!?

C'MON! I DARE YOU TO REPEAT WHAT YOU JUST SAID!

LET'S BEAT IT.
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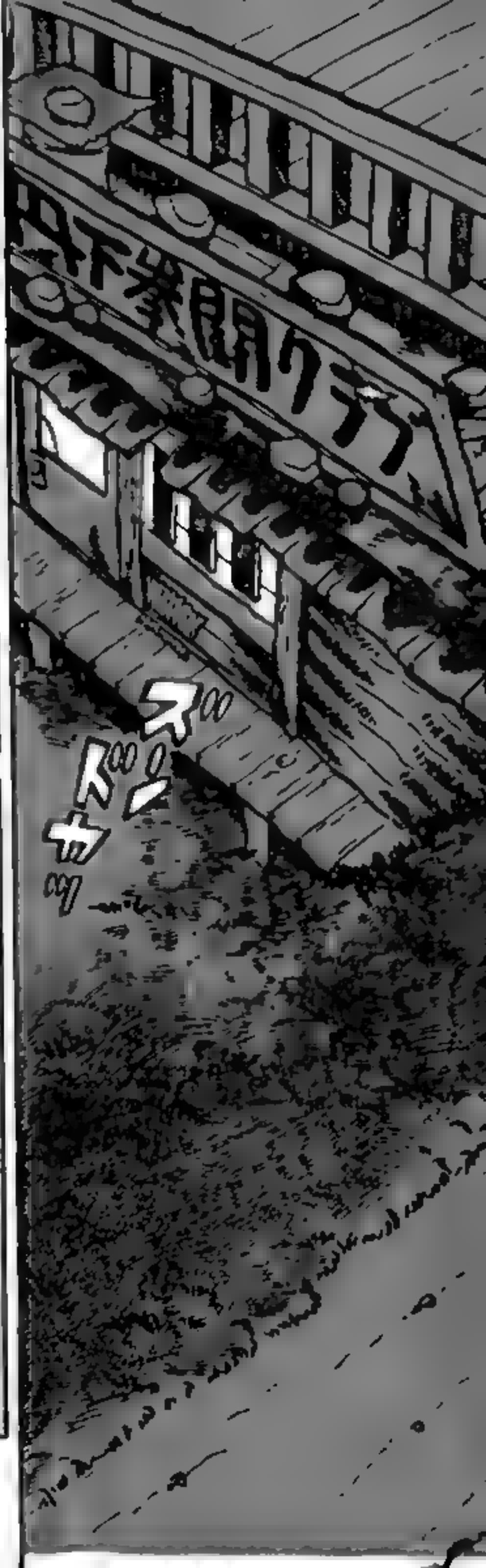
HEY, WIFEY! BUY ME ANOTHER BOTTLE, WILL YA?
AWWW, MY BOOZE...
THEY'RE JUST STRESSED OUT BECAUSE THEIR HERO'S NOT DOING SO WELL.
UGH... THOSE KIDS ARE EVEN MORE VIOLENT THAN USUAL.

I'M STRESSED OUT TOO 'CAUSE JOE'S BEEN LOSING!
SHUT UP, YOU BUM!



EVENIN', NISHI.

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I'M BACK.

LOOKS LIKE IT.

HE'S STILL GOING AT IT? HE'S GONNA WORK HIMSELF TO DEATH.

HUFF HUFF

THAT'S THE 3RD TIME TODAY.

AND HE DOES IT AGAIN.

HUFF

HUFF

S... SORRY 'BOUT THE TROUBLE...

NOW SIT DOWN AND REST A BIT WHILE I FIX IT.

THE SANDBAG KEEPS GETTING TORN BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS MINDLESSLY PUNCHING THE SAME SPOT... THE TEMPLE.

WITH THE WAY HE IS RIGHT NOW, HE'LL BE NOTHING MORE THAN A NERVOUS WRECK IF HE STOPS MOVING.

JUST LEAVE HIM BE.

ARE YOU EVEN GONNA BE ABLE TO STAND UP BY THEN?

JOE... YOUR NEXT MATCH IS ONLY 3 DAYS AWAY.

WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THICK AND THIN,

BUT I'LL COME WITH YOU REGARDLESS.

SO THE LEAST I COULD DO IS GO TO THE RING WITH YOU 3 TIMES.

JOE...

ANY SANE MAN ACTING AS YOUR SECOND,

WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPANY YOU TO YOUR NEXT MATCH IN 3 DAYS.

WHAT...?

RETIRE...? WHEN THE HELL DID I EVER SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

BUT IF YOU LOSE TO NANGOU AND STILL WANT TO KEEP FIGHTING... WELL, I'LL BELIEVE IN YOUR PROMISE TO RETIRE IF THAT HAPPENS.

TO BE HONEST, IT'S HARD FOR ME TO GO THERE AS YOUR SECOND TOO, JOE...

AND I SURE AS HELL AM NOT FIGHTING NANGOU IN 3 DAYS.

IT'S NOT OZAKI THE CHAMPION OR THE #1-RANKED HARAJIMA THAT I'VE BEEN FIGHTING.

YOU BOTH SHOULD KNOW HIS GHOST IS THE ONE I'M REALLY FIGHTING.

IT'S RIKIISHI TOORU!

IT'D BE A DIFFERENT STORY IF YOU HAD A GOOD FIGHT AND ENDED UP LOSING BUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING NOW IS... WILLINGLY GOING TO THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE.

HEH HEH... I'M NOT THE TINIEST BIT ASHAMED OR FRUSTRATED...

SUBMITS TO MY STRENGTH AND LIFTS HIS CURSE,

I'M GONNA BE UP ON THAT RING, FIGHTING.

AND UNTIL HIS GHOST,

I'M NOT GONNA GIVE UP.

HOW IT'S ALWAYS BEEN.

THAT'S JUST HOW ME AND RIKIISHI ARE.

AND IF THAT NEVER HAPPENS, THEN THAT'LL JUST BE THE END OF YABUKI JOE.

NISHI...

DANPEI,

SO IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE GUTS, THEN IT'D BE BEST FOR YOU TWO ABANDON ME SOONER THAN LATER!

BUT LET ME JUST SAY RIGHT NOW THERE MIGHT COME A TIME WHEN I'LL BE FIGHTING THE 8TH AND 9TH RANKED BOXERS.

YOU TWO SEEM TO BE PANICKING JUST BECAUSE I LOST TO THE CHAMP, AND AGAIN TO THE #1-RANK.

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A RATHER ODD PHENO-MENON.

IN FACT, I THINK THE STADIUM IS EVEN MORE CROWDED THAN USUAL.

YES.

THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF FANS HERE TO ROOT HIM ON.

ALTHOUGH YABUKI'S LAST TWO FIGHTS HAVE ENDED DISAPPOINTINGLY,

IS THERE SOMETHING SPECIAL GOING ON TODAY?

THAT'S STRANGE...

WHAT'S WITH ALL THESE REPORTERS?

YES...

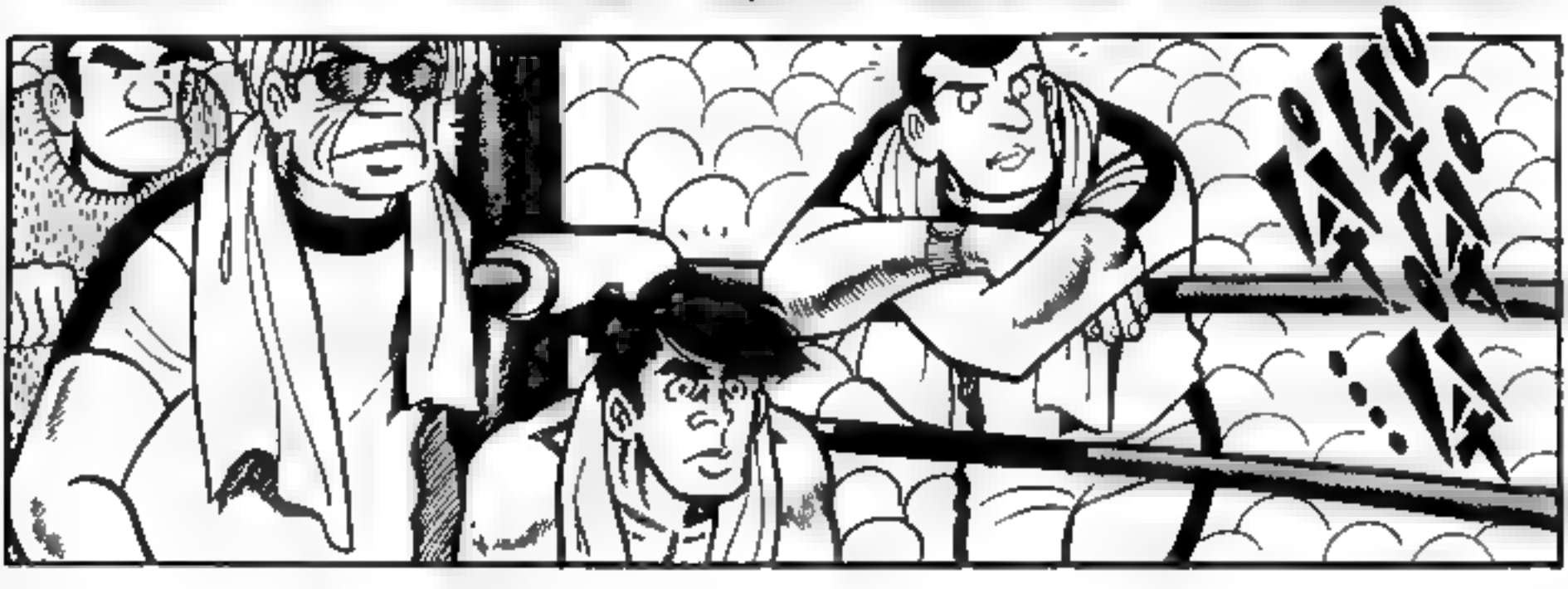
THERE'S SOMETHING ODD ABOUT THE ATMOSPHERE TONIGHT.

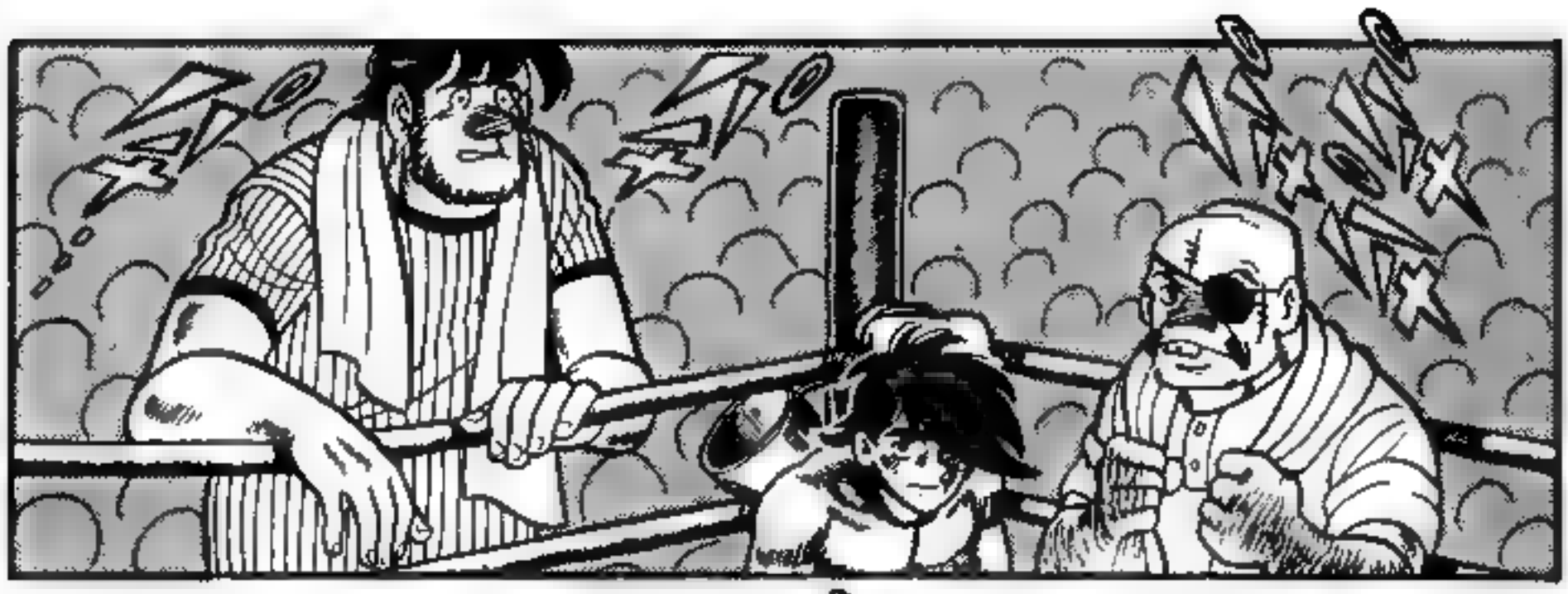
YOU SAID IT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! WE HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE.

WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU THE WORLD-RANKED BOXER FROM VENEZUELA, WHO IS HERE VISITING JAPAN AT SHIRAKI GYM'S REQUEST.

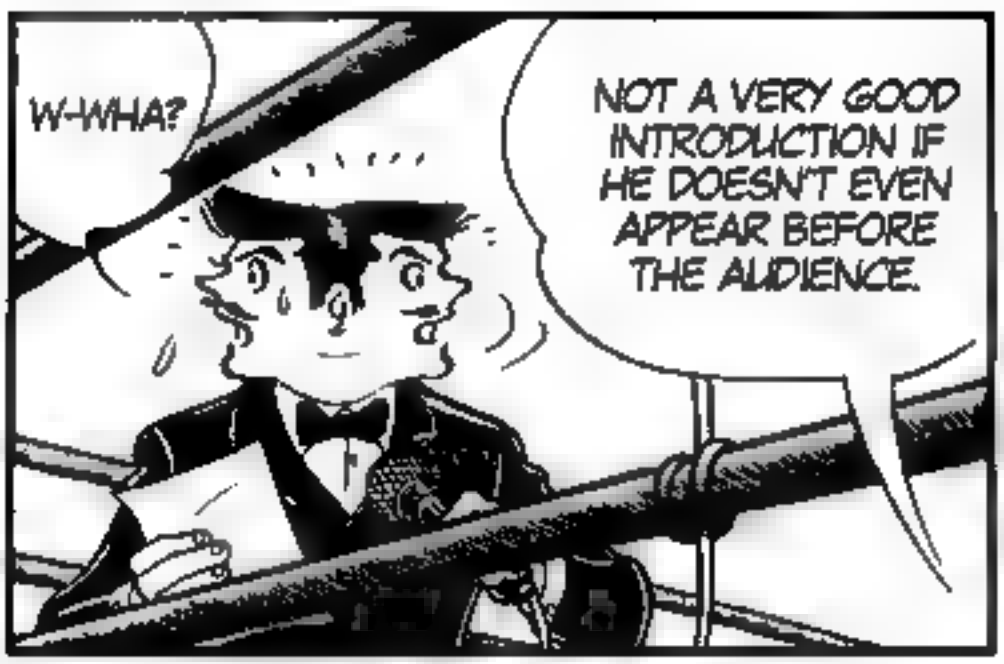
SO PLEASE TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO...
MISTER CARLOS RIVERA!





NOT SURE... I FEEL LIKE I'VE HEARD OF HIM BEFORE BUT, WELL...
HEY, DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS CARLOS RIVERA GUY IS?
I COULD'VE SWORN I KNEW ALL THE WORLD-RANKED BOXERS...

RIVERA...
CARLOS WHAT...?
A WORLD-RANKED BOXER? THAT MEANS HE'S AMONG THE TOP 10 RANKED BOXERS IN THE WORLD.
HMM, BUT I HAVE TO ADMIT I HAVEN'T REALLY HEARD OF HIM...


W-WHA?
NOT A VERY GOOD INTRODUCTION IF HE DOESN'T EVEN APPEAR BEFORE THE AUDIENCE.

YES, WHERE IS HE?
JUST WHERE IS THIS CARLOS RIVERA, I WONDER...?

HEY, CARLOS!

CARLOS!

MA'AM, WHERE IS HE!?

MR. RIVERA...!?

HE WAS STANDING RIGHT HERE JUST A MOMENT AGO...

KYAAA!

HAHAHA!

ERES UNA CHICA MUY LINDA.

MUY, PERO MUY LINDA!

HUH?

I'LL BRING HIM OVER HERE AT ONCE.

HE'S SO EASILY DISTRACTED BY WOMEN.

MY APOLOGIES.

OH MY...

N-NANGOU, CALM DOWN!

THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?

HEY YOU! THAT'S MY GIRL YOU'RE TALKIN' TO!

CARLOS!

QUE ESTAS HACIENDO!?

OH, VAMOS! AL MENOS DAME UN MOMENTO, POR FAVOR!

AFTER THAT, IT'S PROPER ETIQUETTE TO WISH BOTH BOXERS FIGHTING TONIGHT GOOD LUCK.

SO PLEASE HURRY UP ON THE RING AND GREET THE AUDIENCE!

THE ANNOUNCER IS TRYING TO INTRODUCE YOU RIGHT NOW.

AHH...

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BUT PRETTY GIRLS MORE INTEREST THAN SWEATY MEN...

YES, YES.

HAHAHA! I LIKE THAT WOMANIZER!

I'M SURPRISED A MAN SO EASILY DISTRACTED BY WOMEN CAN BE A WORLD-RANKED BOXER!

MY HEART BREAK WHEN YOU LOOK SAD AT ME.

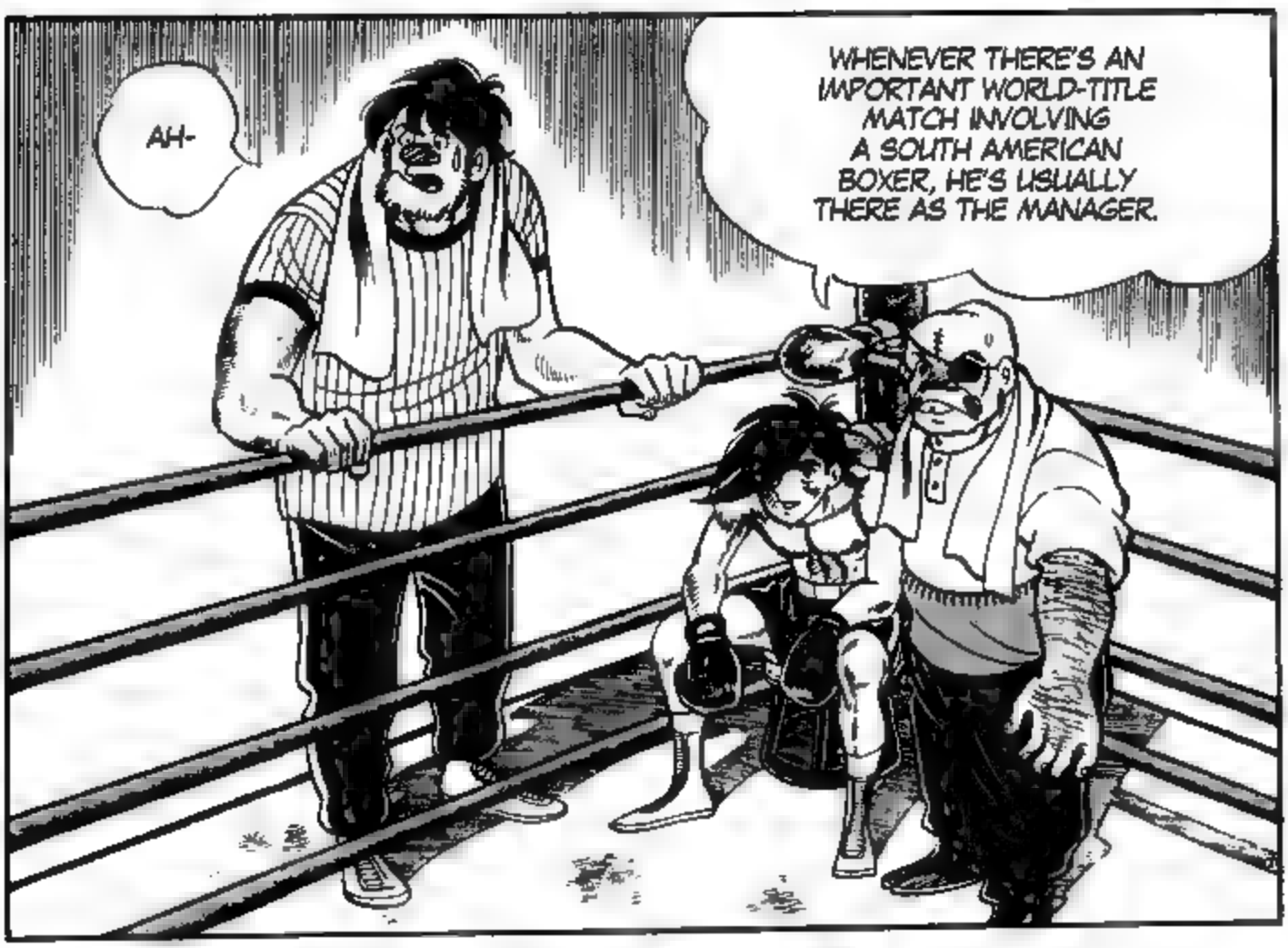
NO LOOK AT ME SO SAD, MISS YOUKO.

CARLOS!

R-ROBERT! DO SOMETHING ABOUT HIM!

VENEZUELA'S PRIDE AND THE 6TH-RANKED BOXER IN THE WORLD! HE IS CARLOS RIVERA, THE UNCROWNED EMPEROR!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR...
GOOD EVENING JAPAN!

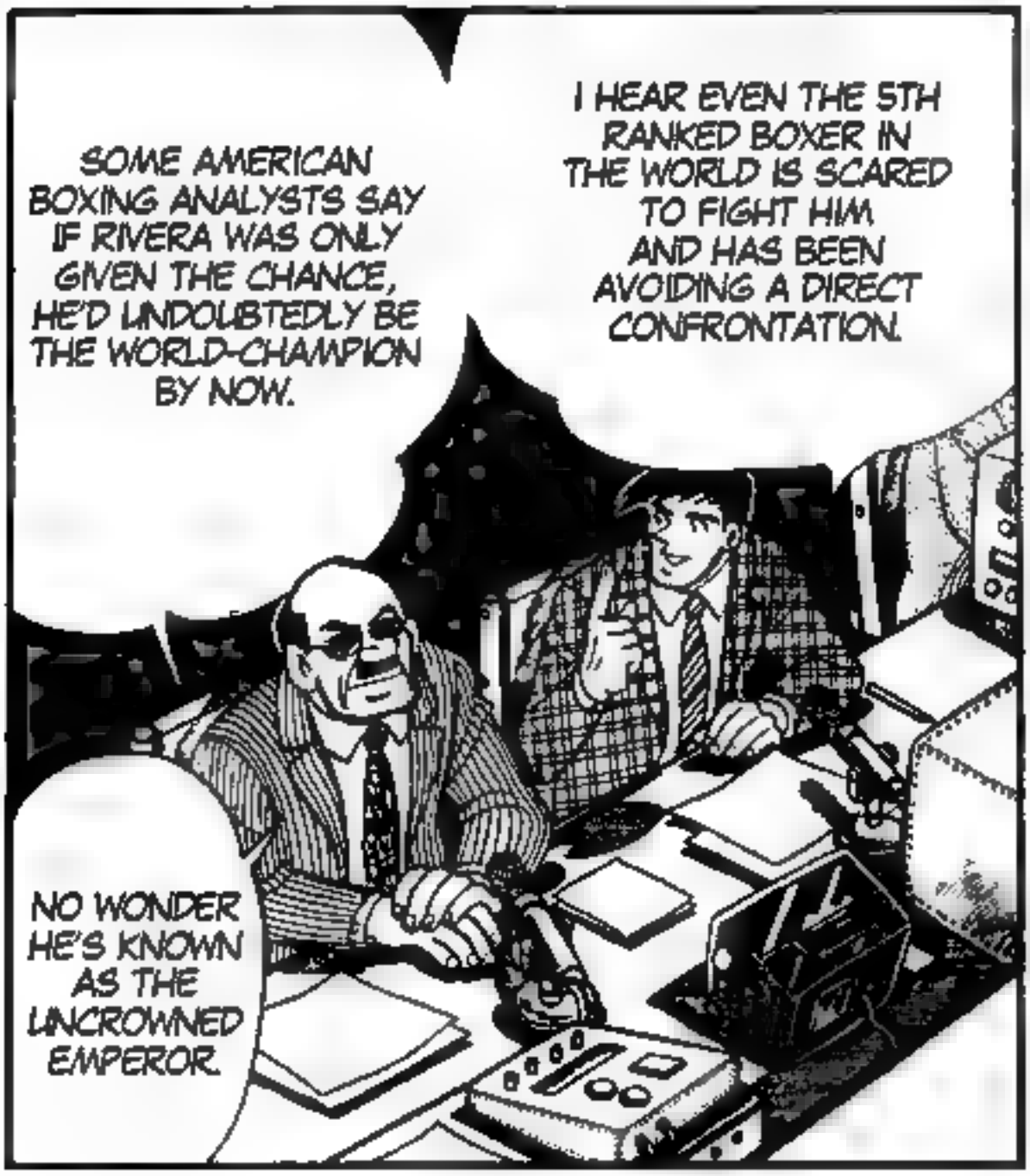
NOT THAT TANNED PLAYBOY BUT HIS WHITE MANAGER...
I... I REMEMBER NOW...

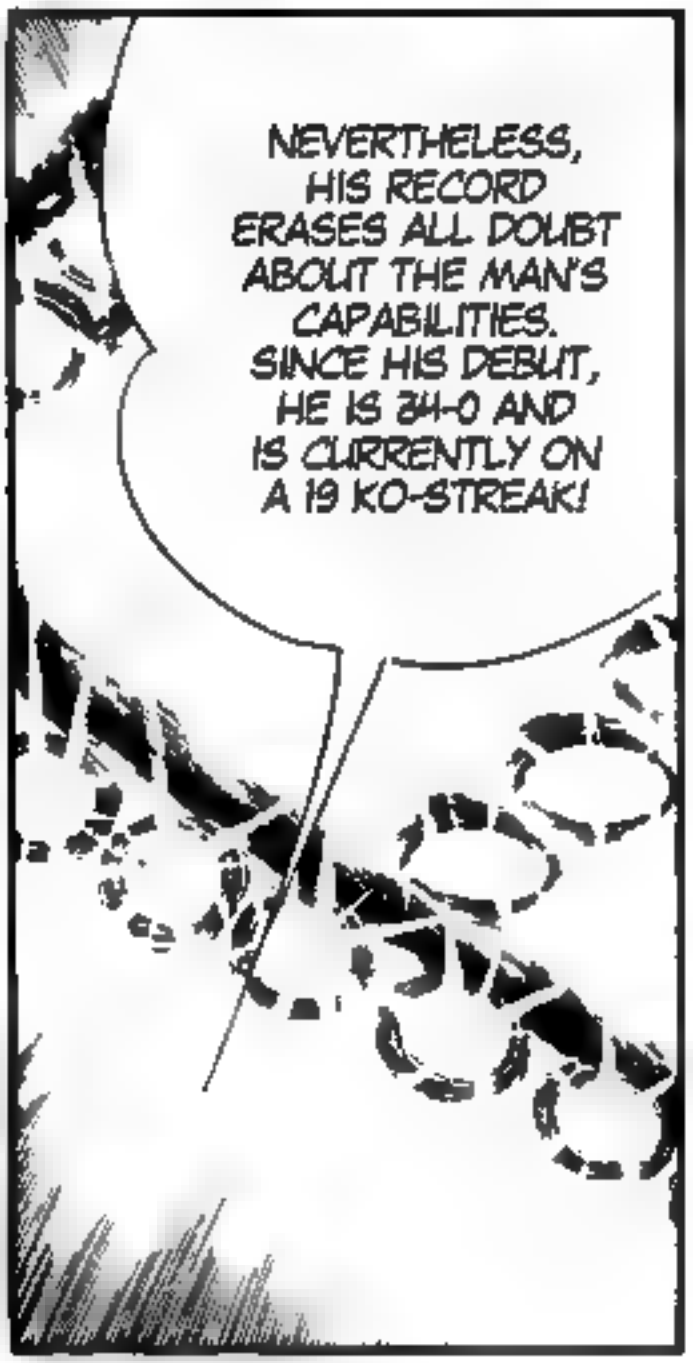

AH-
WHENEVER THERE'S AN IMPORTANT WORLD-TITLE MATCH INVOLVING A SOUTH AMERICAN BOXER, HE'S USUALLY THERE AS THE MANAGER.

A FAMOUS MANAGER NICKNAMED "THE MONEY-MAKER"...
YES... I THINK HIS NAME WAS HARRY ROBERT.

N-NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I REMEMBER SEEING HIM IN THE PAPERS.

WELL, WELL, WELL. HE SEEMS MORE LIKE A LATINO MUSICIAN THAN A BOXER TO ME.
I NEVER WOULD'VE IMAGINED HE WOULD BE THE WORLD-FAMOUS BOXER POPULARLY CALLED THE RAVENOUS BLACK PANTHER, THE LITTLE GIANT, OR VENEZUELA'S TERROR...


I HEAR EVEN THE 5TH RANKED BOXER IN THE WORLD IS SCARED TO FIGHT HIM AND HAS BEEN AVOIDING A DIRECT CONFRONTATION.
SOME AMERICAN BOXING ANALYSTS SAY IF RIVERA WAS ONLY GIVEN THE CHANCE, HE'D UNDOUBTEDLY BE THE WORLD-CHAMPION BY NOW.
NO WONDER HE'S KNOWN AS THE UNCROWNED EMPEROR.


NEVERTHELESS, HIS RECORD ERASES ALL DOUBT ABOUT THE MAN'S CAPABILITIES. SINCE HIS DEBUT, HE IS 34-0 AND IS CURRENTLY ON A 19 KO-STREAK!

SORRY, SORRY.

OOPS, I FORGOT.

OH-

HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA BE YAPPING AWAY FOR!? HURRY UP AND WISH THE BOXERS GOOD LUCK ALREADY!

CARLOS!

HMM...

YES, YES, I KNOW.

IT'S PROPER ETIQUETTE TO START WITH THE HIGHER-RANKED BOXER, REMEMBER THAT!

GOOD LUCK ON FIGHT TONIGHT!

HEY, YOU!

OOPS, MY MISTAKE.

IN THE OTHER CORNER!

THE HIGHER-RANKED BOXER IS THAT WAY.

...

HM...

NGHHH!

STRANGE.

I NEVER MISTAKE WHO IS HIGHER-RANK...

WAHAHAHA! HAHAHA!

WHAT A GUY....!

GOOD LUCK ON FIGHT TONIGHT.

I SO SORRY.

PLEASE NO MAD.

THAT WAS NO MISTAKE...

HE SAW THROUGH JOE'S TRUE NATURE!

IF HE THOUGHT JOE WAS THE HIGHER-RANKED BOXER, MAYBE THAT'S A PREDICTION OF THINGS TO COME?

HE SEEMS PRETTY INTERESTING THOUGH.

CUT THE WISHFUL THIKING AND HAND ME THE VASELINE.

C'MON, JOE... PROVE TO HIM THAT HE DIDN'T MISJUDGE YOU!

CARLOS IS A FIRST-RATE BOXER THROUGH AND THROUGH SO IT'S ONLY NATURAL HE CAN RECOGNIZE OTHER FIRST-RATE BOXERS.

SINCE HE'S NOT HERE TO COMMENTATE TONIGHT'S FIGHT, I CAN ONLY ASSUME THE JAPANESE BOXING ASSOCIATION'S PRESS MEMBERS GRAVELY UNDERESTIMATED CARLOS' REPUTATION.

HE MAY BE THE UNCROWNED EMPEROR, BUT HE IS STILL RANKED 6TH IN THE WORLD.

YES, QUITE BAFFLING IF YOU ASK ME.

I AM RATHER CONFUSED WHY SHIRAKI GYM CALLED HIM ALL THE WAY OVER TO JAPAN AND DECIDED TO INTRODUCE HIM FOR A MATCH LIKE THIS AND NOT AT AN OFFICIAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

GO GET'IM, NANGOU!!

THAT'S THE BELL!

MEANWHILE, NANGOU KOUJI CONFIENTLY DASHES TOWARDS YABUKI!
YABUKI JOE, WHO ONCE INSTILLED TERROR IN HIS OPPONENTS, IS IN A SLUMP THESE DAYS AND NOW CAUTIOUSLY APPROACHES FORWARD.

YABUKI JOE WILL SUFFER AN EMBARRASSING 3RD STRAIGHT LOSS!

THE RESULT IS CLEARLY OBVIOUS.

WHAT!

LET'S GO HOME.

NO WATCH MATCH, MS. YOUKO?

YOU TWO SEEM TO HAVE AWFULLY HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR YABUKI, DON'T YOU.

HMM,

IT CAN'T BE...

3RD STRAIGHT LOSS? YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT BOXER CALLED JOE WILL LOSE TO NANGOU?

I'VE HEARD THAT JOE YABUKI KILLED YOUR GYM'S BOXER, TOORU RIKIISHI, IN A MATCH HALF A YEAR AGO.

MS. YOUKO,

FINE THEN. WE CAN STAY HERE AND WATCH UNTIL YOU SEE WHAT I MEAN.

THE YABUKI JOE OF BACK THEN IS NOT THE SAME MAN YOU SEE RIGHT NOW...

CONSIDERING ALL THAT HISTORY BETWEEN YOU TWO, WHY IS IT THAT YOU WON'T EVEN TRY TO WATCH HIS MATCH?

HAHA... WELL, YOU SEE...

IT'S SO PITIFUL I CAN'T HELP BUT LOOK AWAY.

BUT NOW, HE'S MERELY AN OLD, STARVING MANGY-MUTT.

BACK WHEN HE FOUGHT RIKIISHI, HE WAS A BEAST SO FEARSOME AS TO BE BEAUTIFUL.

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NGHHH...

SPIT!

OWW...

AGHH!

PENALTY-POINT TO YABUKI!!

PENALTY!

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

BREAK! BREAK!

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO WARN YOU FOR HEAD-BUTTING!?

YOU'RE PATHETIC!
HEY WHAT'S WITH THAT FOUL!?

TO THINK A BOXER COULD DECLINE SO QUICKLY...
WHAT A TERRIBLE MATCH THIS IS FOR HIM. I CAN'T FIND ONE GOOD THING TO COMMENT ON HIS NON-EXISTENT DEFENSE OR HIS CLUMSY FOOTWORK!
AFTER SEVERAL WARNINGS, THE REFEREE FINALLY AWARDS A PENALTY TO YABUKI FOR HEAD-BUTTING.

I WANT MY MONEY BACK! THIS IS AN INSULT TO THE SPORT OF BOXING!
WE CAME HERE FOR A BOXING MATCH, NOT SOME BRAWL BETWEEN THUGS!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH! I'M NEVER ROOTING FOR YOU EVER AGAIN, YABUKI!!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

FINE...

THEN SO BE IT!

OHH...

WHOA-

AH-

OHH...

H... HE HIT HIM...

KOO

UGH...

UGH-

YOU...

KLAK

LITTLE SHITHEAD!

NANGOU!!

N-

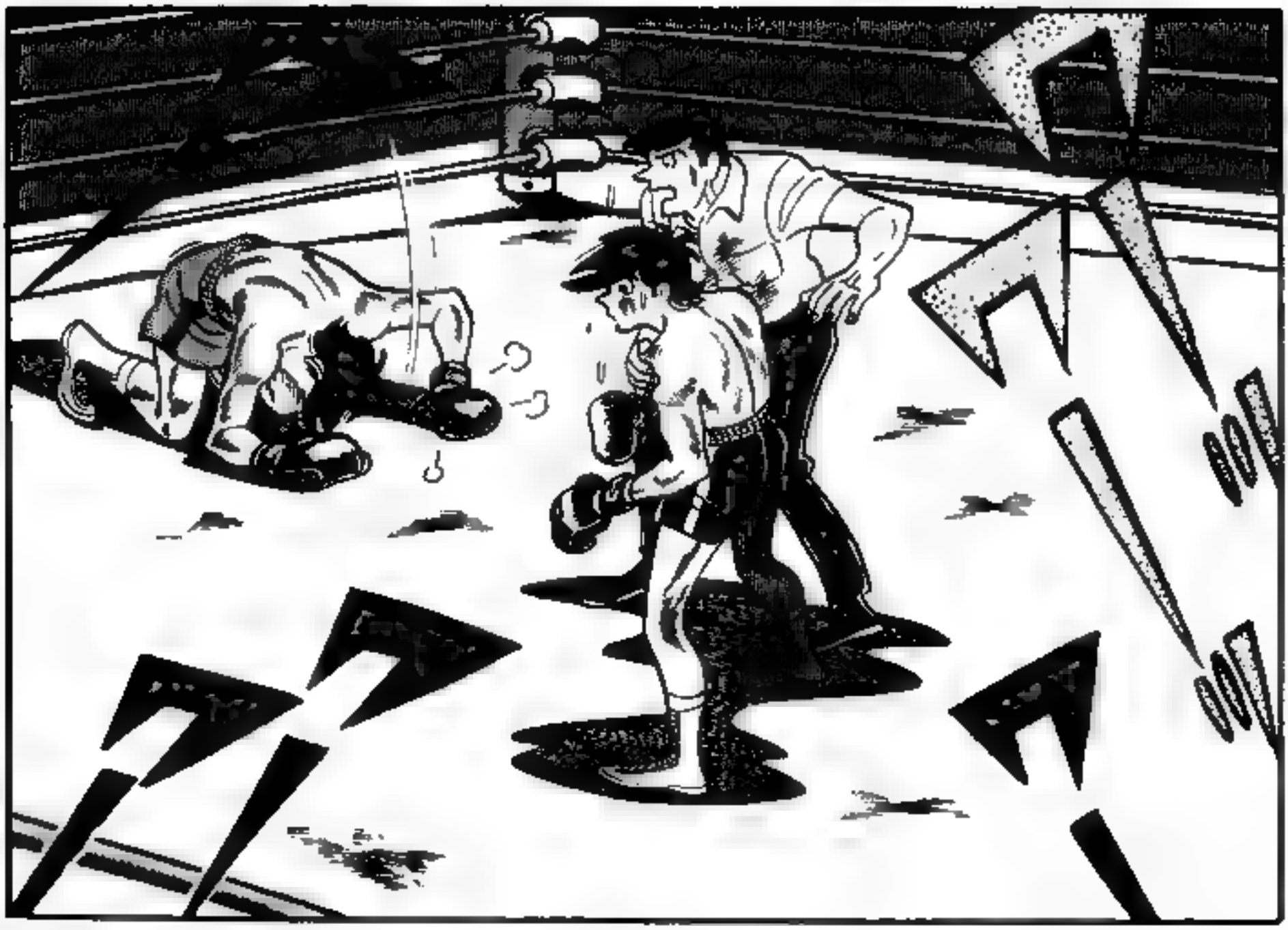
HUFF HUFF

URF-

WOO HOO!

JOE FINALLY WENT ON THE OFFENSIVE!

H-HE DID IT!



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BACK TO YOUR CORNER!
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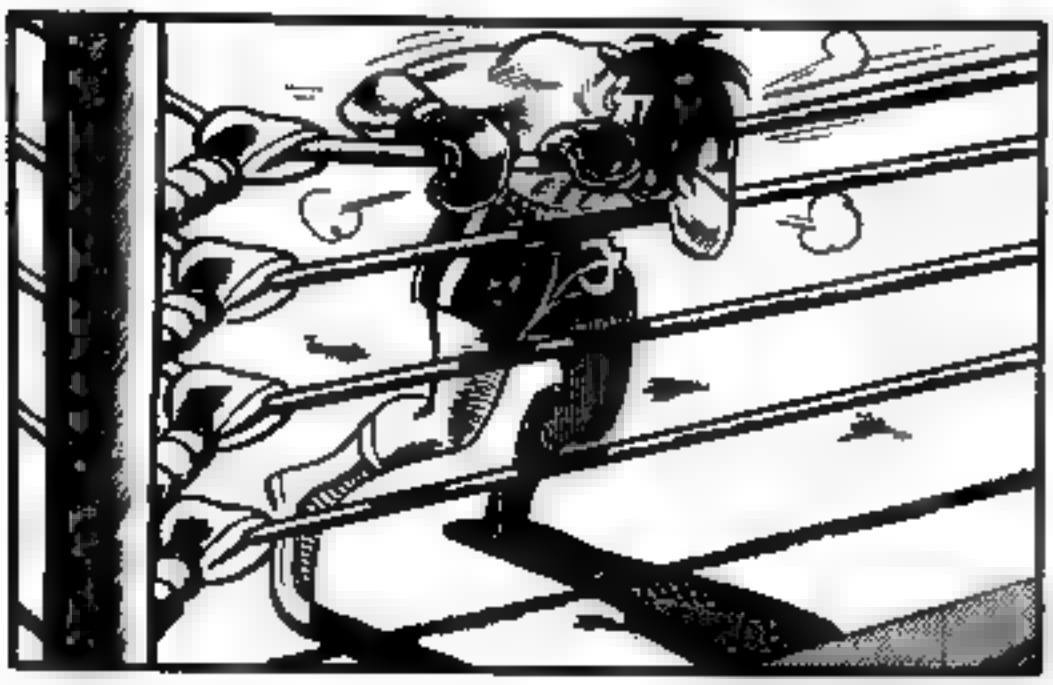

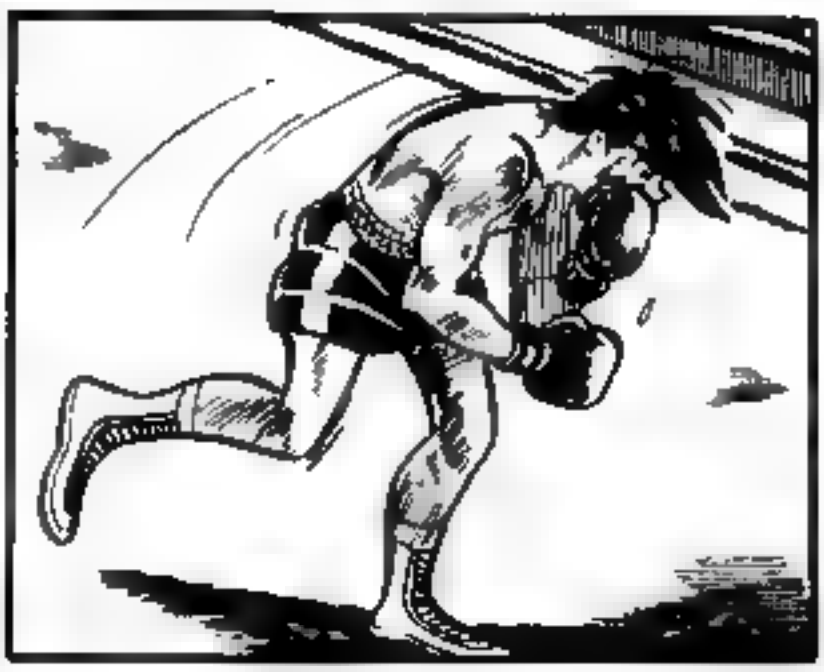

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WHOAA!

AHHH!

4!

3!

AGH!

UWEHH!

URRRF!

URRRF!

URRRF!

OH MY LORD, GET AWAY EVERYONE!

W-WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM!?

HEY STOP, YOU IDIOT! DON'T DO IT OVER HERE!

AHHH!

A-ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?

O-OH NO! HE'S STARTED THROWING UP AGAIN!

...

JOE!

UGHH...

NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!

HE'S THROWING UP AGAIN!

S-STAND UP, NANGOU!

R-RIGHT.

COUNT HIM OFF...?

REF... AREN'CHA GONNA...

W-WAIT! WIPE YOUR GLOVES OFF FIRST!
HOW MUCH IS NANGOU PAYING YOU, REF?
IF YOU HAD DONE YOUR JOB PROPERLY, THAT DOWN JUST NOW SHOULD'VE BEEN COUNTED AS A KO-WIN FOR ME..
TALK ABOUT RIGGED...
AGAIN?
URRF!
FIGHT ON!
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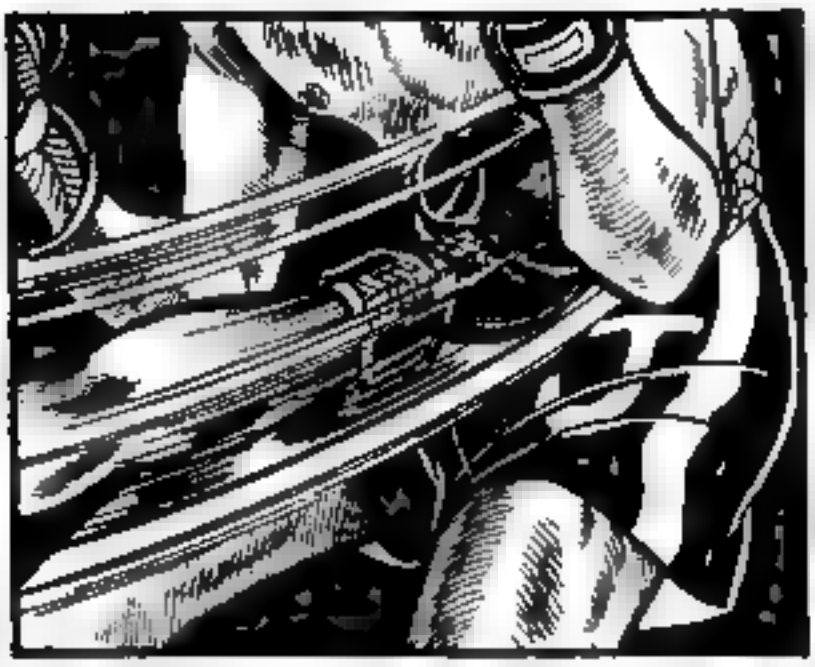

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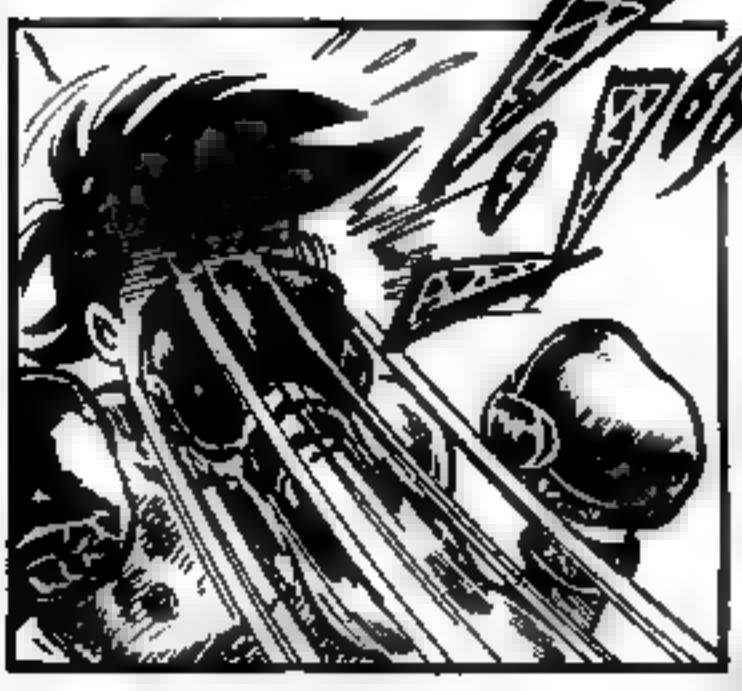

BACK TO YOUR CORNER!
THAT'S A DOWN!

HEH HEH.

LET'S GO.

HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO WATCH THIS MATCH?

COME THEN.

7!

6!

5!

8!

EXIT

GET OUTTA MY WAY.

W-WAIT! YOU NEED YOUR GLOVES WIPED OFF FIRST!

OOF!

AGHH!

LOOK! THERE HE GOES WITH HIS FOULS!

YOU FIGHT DIRTY, YABUKI!

DRAG THAT BASTARD OFF THE RING!

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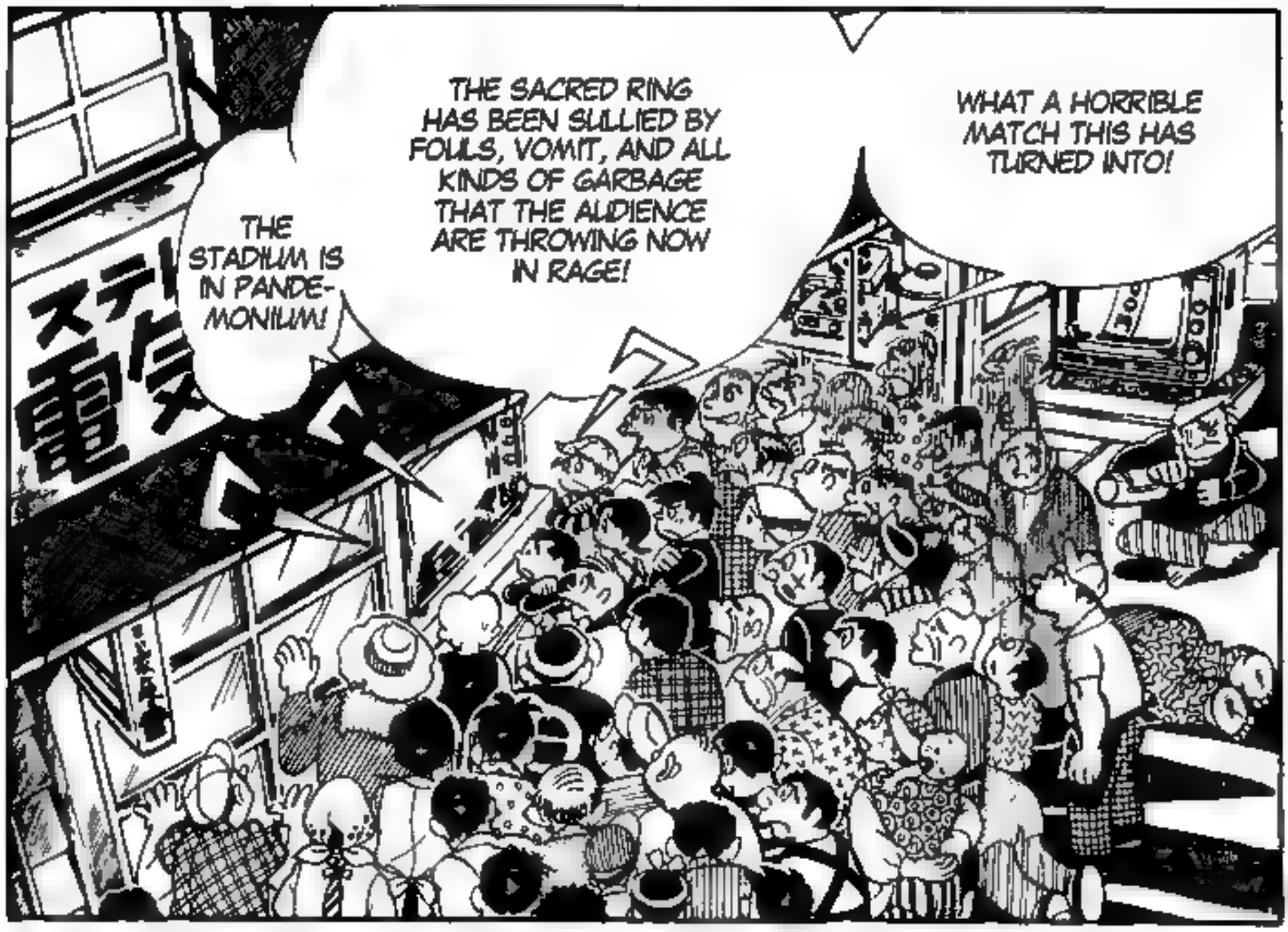

THE STADIUM IS IN PANDE-MONIUM!
THE SACRED RING HAS BEEN SULLIED BY FOULS, VOMIT, AND ALL KINDS OF GARBAGE THAT THE AUDIENCE ARE THROWING NOW IN RAGE!
WHAT A HORRIBLE MATCH THIS HAS TURNED INTO!

ALRIGHT, CLOSING TIME.
SHOO, SHOO!
TV, STEREO, REFRIGERATOR
YOSHINOYA ELECTRONICS

THE MATCH HAS ENDED SHAMEFULLY FOR YABUKI AS HIS 3RD-STRAIGHT LOSS!

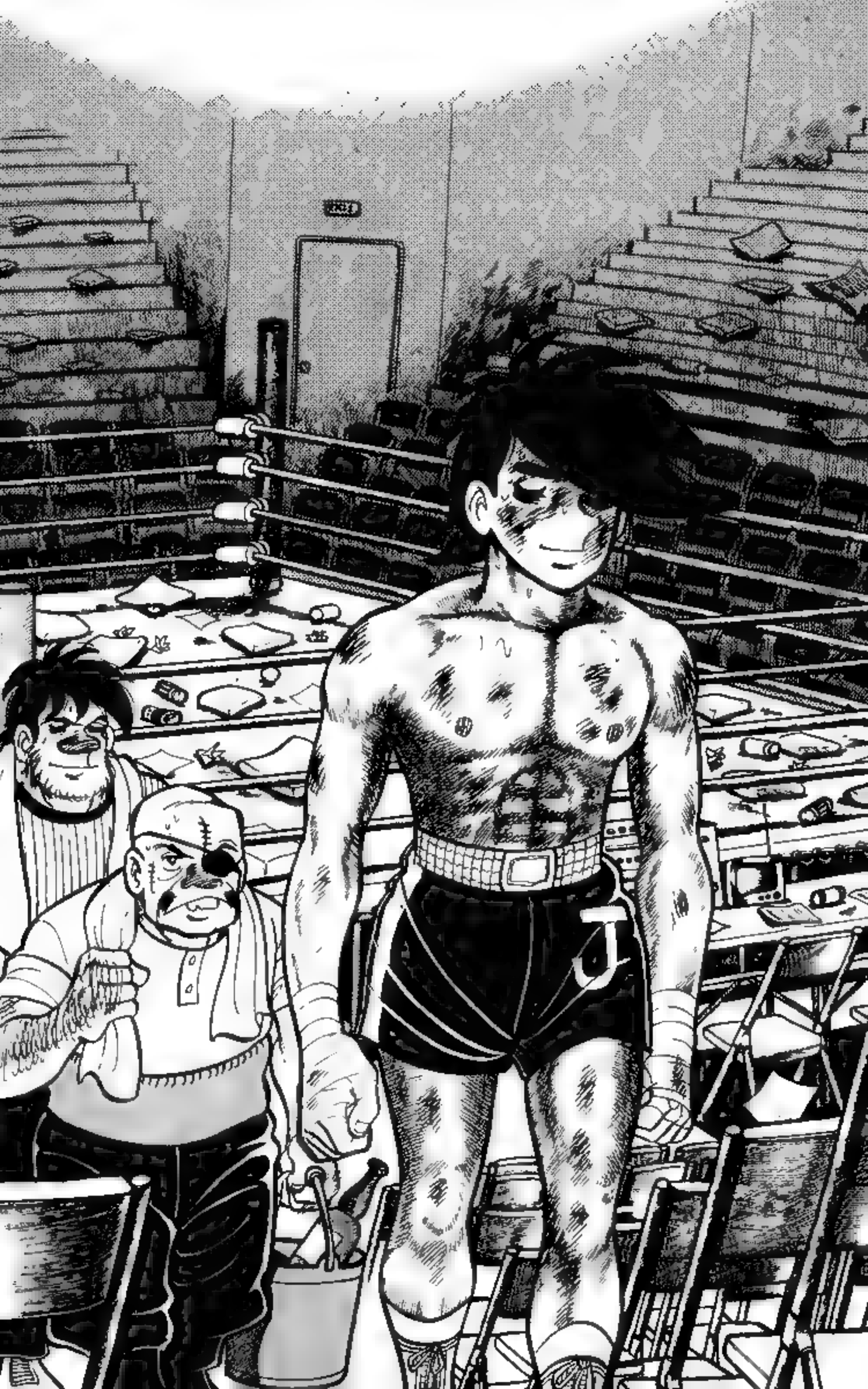
JOE, YOU IDIOT...

RIKIISHI...

HAUNT ME AS MUCH AS YOU WANT, BUT THE BOXING ASSOCIATION AIN'T LIKELY TO GIVE US ANOTHER MATCH ON THEIR RINGS AFTER TONIGHT.
WELL FINE.

IS THIS WHAT YOU WANT?
TO BREAK AND DRAG ME ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE ABSOLUTE BOTTOM LIKE THIS...

HAHA..
AND SETTLE THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL LIKE STARVED MUTTS HOWLING AT THE MOON.
LET'S GO OFF TO SOME REMOTE TOWN FAR AWAY,



OH KNOCK IT OFF AND MAN UP! I CAN'T PUT THESE BANDAGES ON IF YOU KEEP MOVING!

OWW OWW OWWW!

AHH! THAT HURTS!

IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE REF, I'D HAVE KILLED THAT CHEATIN' BASTARD!

DAMN THAT SON OF A BITCH..

WHAT A DISGRACE! MY BLOOD BOILED FROM WATCHING THAT FARCE OF A MATCH!

YOU CAN COME IN IF YOU WANT!

WHO IS IT?

KNOCK KNOCK

EXCUSE ME THEN.

AHH!

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OOPS, EXCUSE ME. PERHAPS IT'D BE BETTER IF I ADDRESS YOU AS CHAIRMAN SHIRAKI NOW THAT YOU'RE THE OFFICIAL OWNER OF THE SHIRAKI GYM.

AH, IF IT ISN'T MR. SHIRAKI'S BELOVED GRANDDAU-

HEH HEH.

GO STAND BACK IN THE CORNER!

ALRIGHT, MOVE IT, YOU SLOBBERING MUTTS!

I CAME HERE TO INQUIRE ABOUT NANGOU'S SCHEDULE

HIS SCHEDULE..?

PLEASE, TAKE A SEAT.

I'M FINE, THANK YOU.

MY NANGOU HERE IS IN THE PRIME OF HIS YOUTH SO HE'S AVERAGING ABOUT A MATCH PER MONTH SCHEDULE.

WELL...

HMM?

YES, EXACTLY HOW LONG OF A BREAK WILL HE NEED BEFORE HE'S READY FOR ANOTHER MATCH?

THEN HOW WOULD YOU LIKE MY GYM TO ARRANGE YOUR PLAYER'S NEXT MATCH?

1.5 MILLION!?

OUR GYM WILL PAY YOU 1,500,000 YEN FOR THE MATCH.

THAT WOULD DEPEND ON THE TERMS, OF COURSE...

WELL...

CARLOS ?

YOU MEAN THAT WOMANIZER WHO WAS GETTING CHUMMY WITH MY WOMAN!?

J-JUST WHO'S THE OPPONENT!?

I-ISN'T THAT ROUGHLY THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THE ASIAN CHAMPION WOULD GET FOR A PACIFIC TITLE MATCH!!?

COME IN, CARLOS!

AGAIN!?

CARLOS, I SAID COME I-

CARLOS, THAT'S ENOUGH! LOOK, YOU'VE MADE MS. YOUKO ANGRY!

MY HEART BEAT FAST WHEN I SEE YOU.

YOU SUCH CHARMING LADY.

TE AMO.

CARLOS!

I'LL KILL'IM! I SWEAR I WILL!

CALM DOWN, NANGOLI!

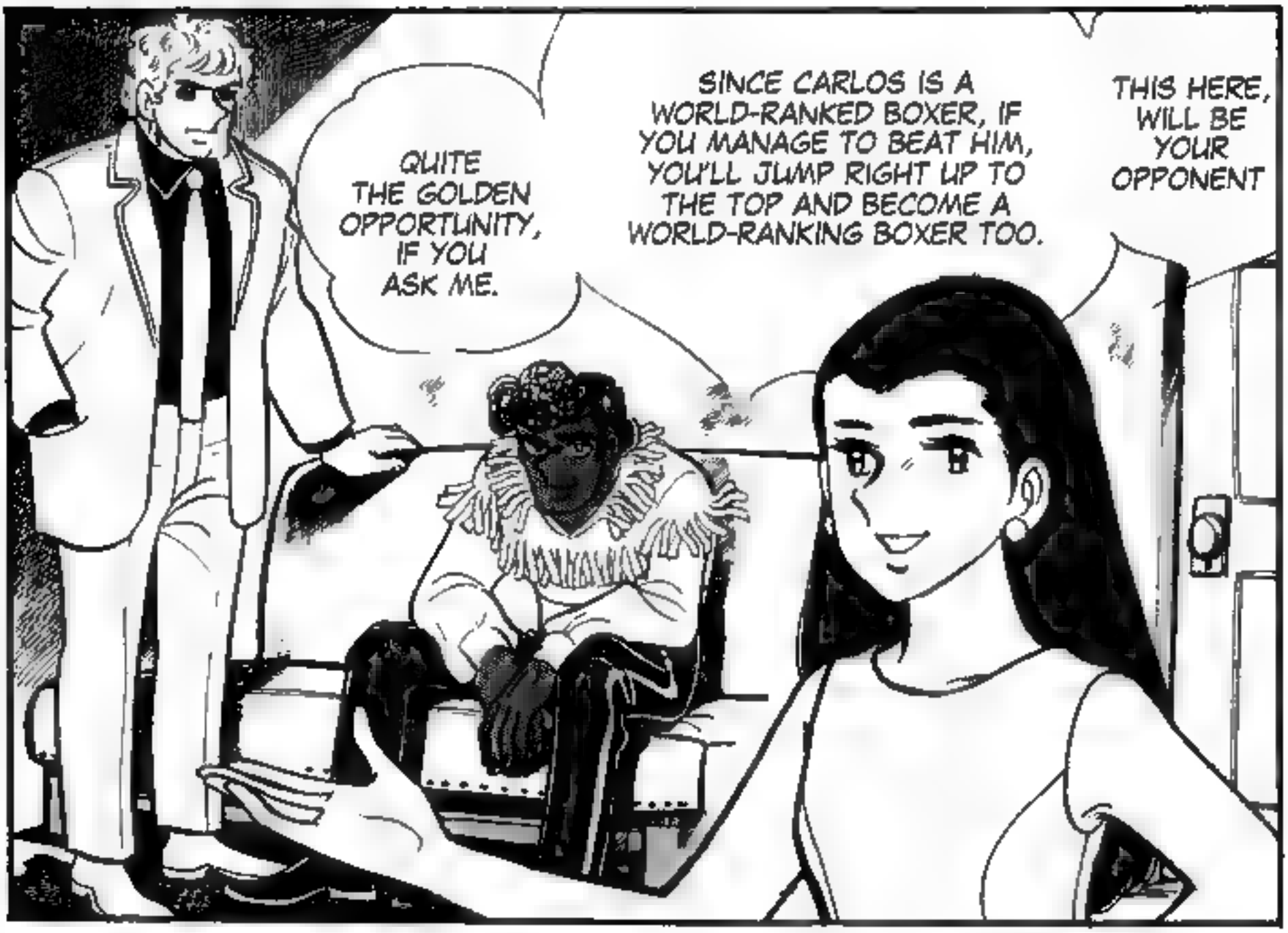
I'M TRYING TO NEGOTIATE YOUR NEXT MATCH!

SO DON'T WASTE ANY MORE TIME AND GET IN THE ROOM THIS INSTANT!

BUT YOU SO SCARY.

Y-YOU VERY BEAUTIFUL TOO

O-OH, MS. YOUKO!


QUITE THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY, IF YOU ASK ME.
SINCE CARLOS IS A WORLD-RANKED BOXER, IF YOU MANAGE TO BEAT HIM, YOU'LL JUMP RIGHT UP TO THE TOP AND BECOME A WORLD-RANKING BOXER TOO.
THIS HERE, WILL BE YOUR OPPONENT

AND A CHANCE TO SHOOT RIGHT UP TO THE TOP...
15 MILLION
HOLY MOLY...

SO PLEASE GIVE ME THE CHANCE!
BESIDES, YOU SAW WHAT A SCATTER-BRAINED WOMANIZER HE IS! I KNOW I CAN BEAT HIM.
HE MAY BE A WORLD-RANKER BUT HE'S ONLY 6TH!

YOU HAVE TO LET ME.
I... I'LL DO IT, CHIEF

THANK YOU.

WE ACCEPT YOUR OFFER.

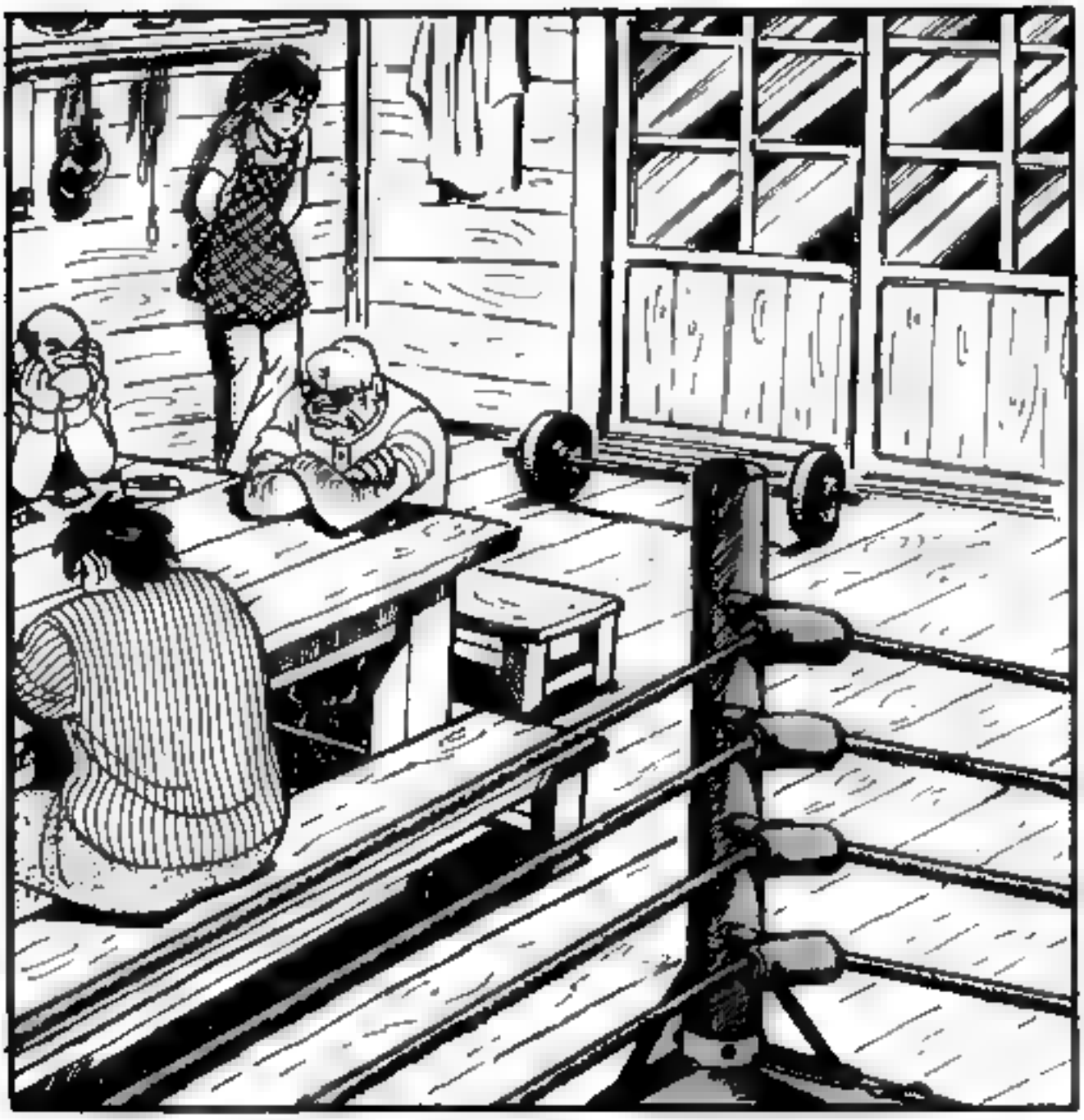
FINE...

CARLOS, COME.

I'LL GET THE PAPERS ALL READY FOR YOU TO SIGN AT THE CAFÉ DOWNSTAIRS.

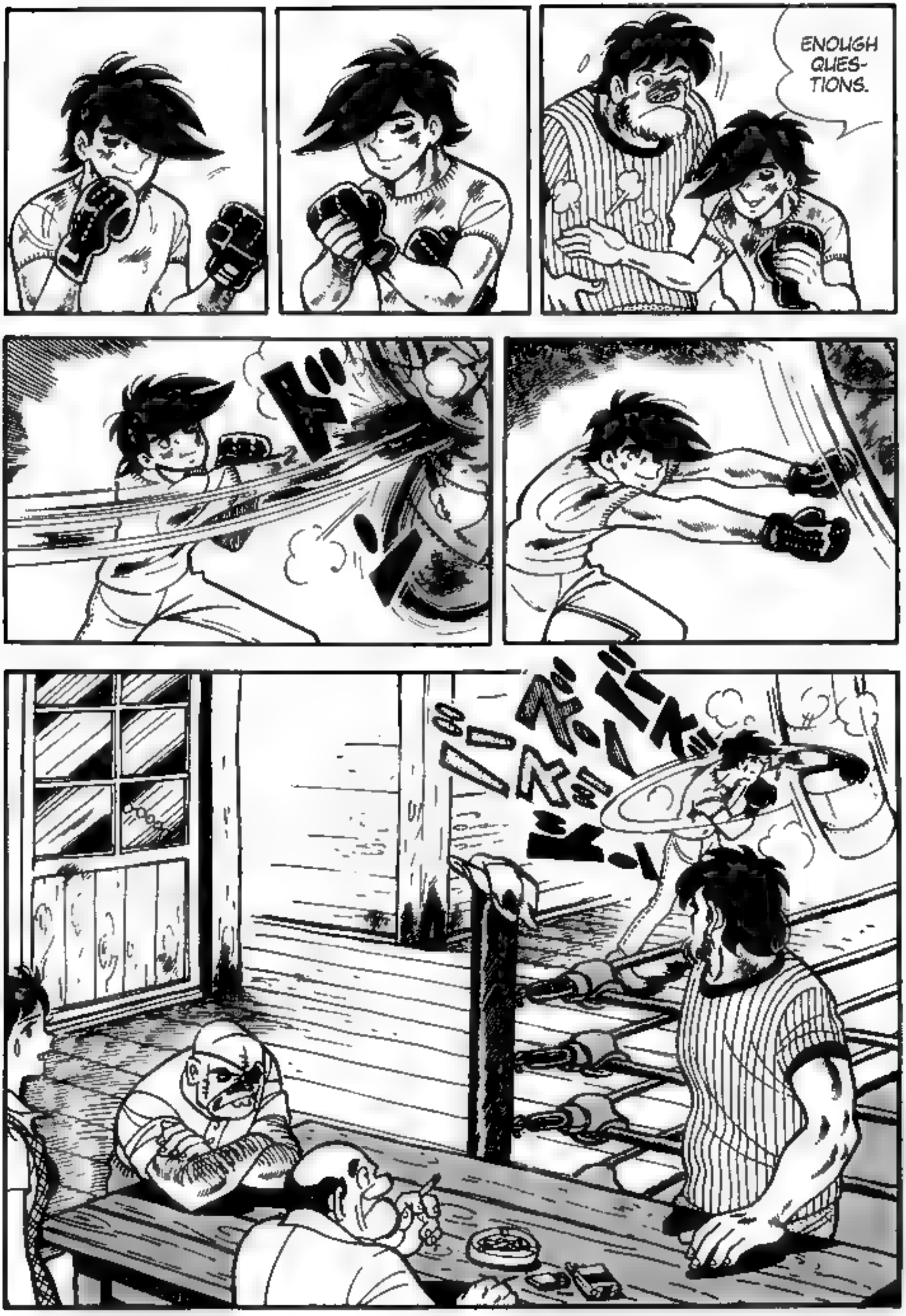
AS THEY SAY, THE SOONER THE BETTER.

OK!



W-WHERE'VE YOU BEEN, JOE?
SO WHAT BRINGS EVERYONE HERE TONIGHT?
GOOD EVENING.

AND WHO'D THAT BE?
WHAT?
SO I WENT OFF FOR A BIT TO SEE HIM TODAY
THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO WANTED TO TALK WITH ME,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C'MERE FOR A SEC.

JOE, WE NEED TO TALK.

JOE, THE OLD MAN'S GOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO SAY

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JUST TRY TO KEEP IT SHORT!

BUT IF YOU WANNA TALK, THEN GO AHEAD! I CAN STILL HEAR YOU FINE FROM HERE!

CAN'T YOU SEE I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF PRACTICE!?

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I'VE DECIDED TO CLOSE DOWN THE GYM AS OF TODAY.

I..

FORTUNATELY ENOUGH, MR. HAYASHI HERE AGREED TO TAKE YOU BOTH IN AS FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES FOR HIS SHOP

IT'S NOT TOO BIG OF A DEAL. AFTER ALL, THIS WAS JUST A SHABBY GYM THAT ONLY HAD YOU AND NISHI.

DON'T SAY A WORD!

OLD MAN!

THOUGH TO BE HONEST, I EXPECTED AS MUCH FOR YOU TO PULL A STUNT LIKE THIS AFTER I LOST FOR THE 3RD TIME IN A ROW...

YOU EXPECT ME TO NOT SAY A WORD WHEN YOU'VE JUST DECIDED HOW I SHOULD LIVE FROM NOW ON WITHOUT EVEN CONSULTING ME?

WHAT!?

...

BUT IN ANY CASE, I'VE GOT NO INTENTION OF WORKING FOR A DAMN GROCERY STORE!

YABU-KI..

YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE! ALL I WANT TO DO RIGHT NOW IS TRAIN WITH MY SANDBAG!

SOME-THING ELSE?

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU'D RATHER DO THEN..?

I KNOW OUR STORE MAY NOT SEEM LIKE MUCH, BUT WORKING EARNESTLY DAY BY DAY TO BE REWARDED BY THE TOWNSPEOPLE'S TRUST AND GRATITUDE CAN ALSO BE REWARDING..

BOXING'S NOT ALL THERE IS TO LIFE, YOU KNOW.

I UNDERSTAND HOW HARD IT IS FOR YOU TO GIVE UP YOUR DREAM BUT

THIS CONVERSATION NEVER HAPPENED, OKAY?

LET'S JUST PRETEND,

HAPPINESS IN HUMBLE MODESTY, RIGHT?

YEAH, YEAH, I HEAR YA.

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THAT MIGHT BE FINE FOR SOME PEOPLE BUT IT AIN'T CUT OUT FOR YABUKI JOE!

DANPEI... I THINK ASKING JOE TO GIVE UP BOXING,

IS AN IMPOSSIBLE REQUEST.

JOE...

SLAM!

JOE, WAIT!

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

YOU KNOW DAMN WELL THAT THERE AIN'T A PROMOTER WHO'LL AGREE TO PUT YOU UP ON THE RING AGAIN AFTER YOUR LAST PERFORMANCE!

DON'T MAKE ME SUFFER ANY MORE THAN THIS, JOE

WHAT, STILL GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

BUT THE FACT REMAINS, THERE'S NO RING LEFT THAT WANTS YOU!

I'M SORRY JOE, BUT THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS!

I'M ALSO TO BLAME HERE.

SO FACE REALITY ALREADY! LOOK, I KNOW THIS ISN'T ALL YOUR FAULT

IF YOU HADN'T PARTNERED UP WITH A WASHED-UP HAS-BEEN LIKE ME, WHO KNOWS, YOU MIGHT'VE BEEN IN A MUCH BETTER PLACE BY NOW.

BUT THOSE AREN'T THE ONLY RINGS AVAILABLE, Y'KNOW.

SURE, THERE AIN'T NO OFFICIAL RING CALLING FOR ME...

I'M SURE YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT THEM. DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE IN ONE OF THEM LONG AGO?

I'M TALKING ABOUT UNOFFICIAL FIGHT RINGS THAT MOVE FROM PLACE TO PLACE.

W-WHA...?

HELD IN SOME REMOTE PART OF THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT OF LOCALS...

THE TYPE OF FIGHTS BETWEEN WASHED-UP PRO-BOXERS AND ROOKIES WHO'VE YET TO AMOUNT TO ANYTHING,

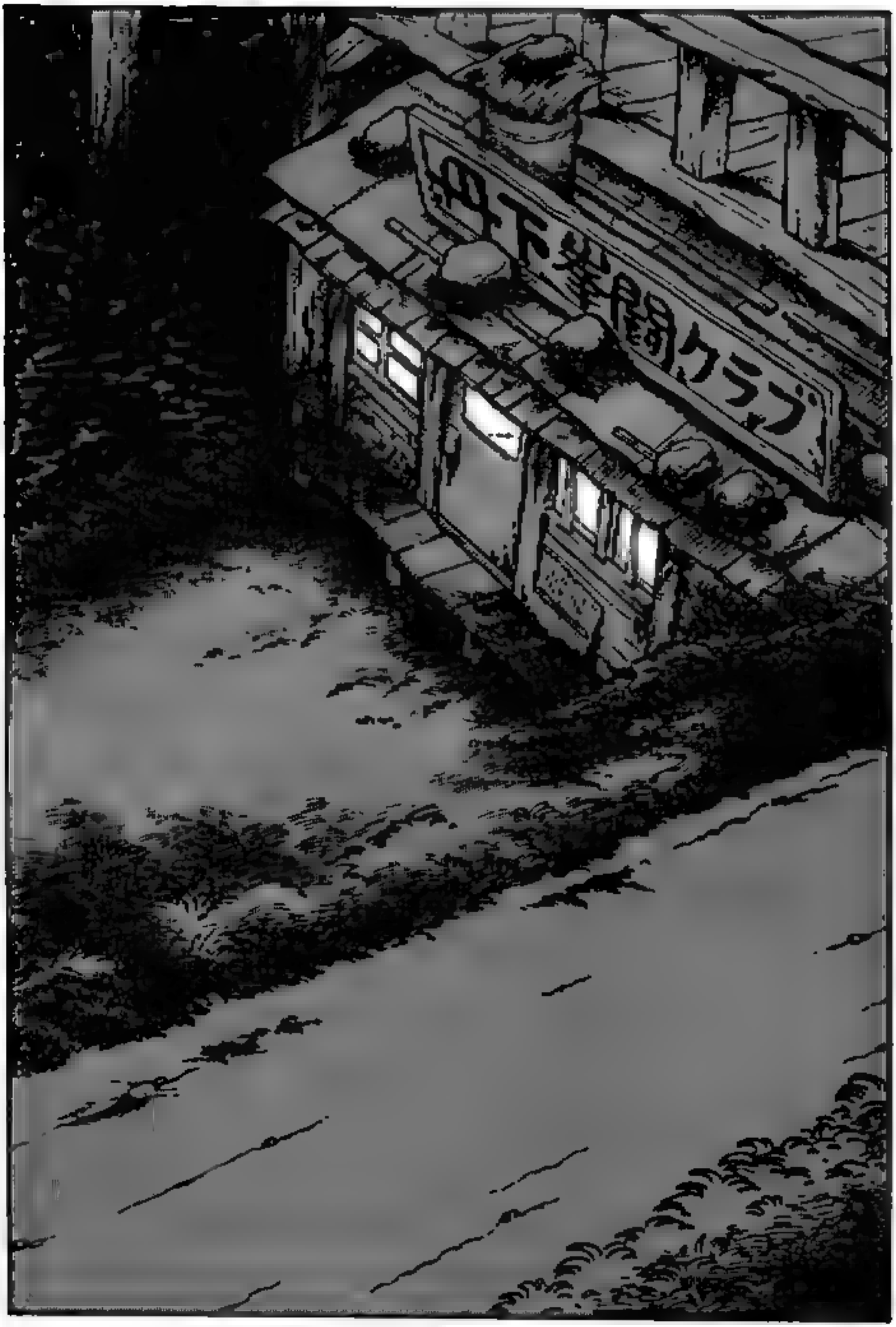
W-WHAT...!?

I JUST TALKED WITH THE MANAGER FOR SUCH A THING AND I SIGNED A CONTRACT

I FIGURED I HAD NO REASON TO REFUSE SINCE YOU'D MOST LIKELY CLOSE UP THE GYM.

YABUKI!

JOE...!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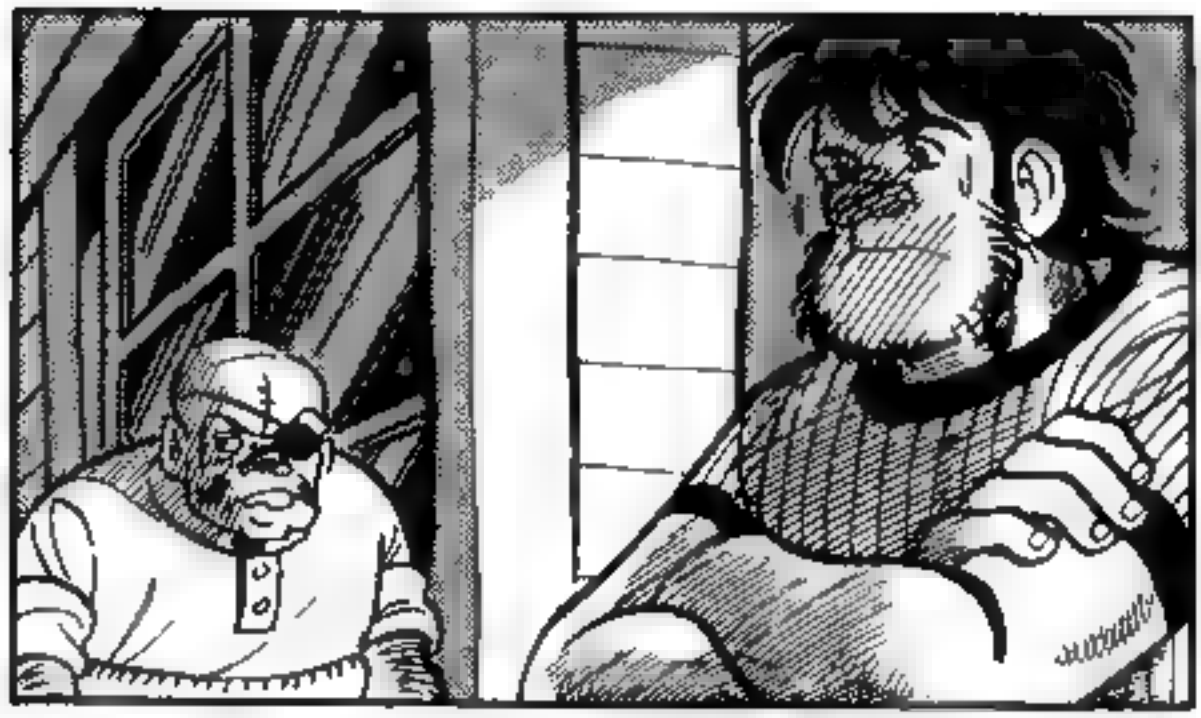

SO YOU'VE SUNK THIS LOW, HAVE YOU

JOE...

MY NAME CAN STILL FETCH A PRICE, Y'KNOW.

HEH...

THE "MAD-KILLER WHO SLAYED RIKIISHI TOORU"... WITH A NICKNAME LIKE THAT, THE LOCALS WILL STILL LINE UP TO SEE MY FIGHTS.

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THIS IS A PERSONAL DUEL BETWEEN ME AND RIKIISHI'S GHOST I DON'T CARE HOW LOW I HAVE TO SINK, BUT I'M NOT LETTING GO OF THAT RING UNTIL RIKIISHI ADMITS HIS DEFEAT...!

I'VE SAID IT BEFORE AND I'LL SAY IT AGAIN.

THAT STUBBORN TENACITY'S THE ONLY THING KEEPING JOE GOING NOW...

TENA-CITY..

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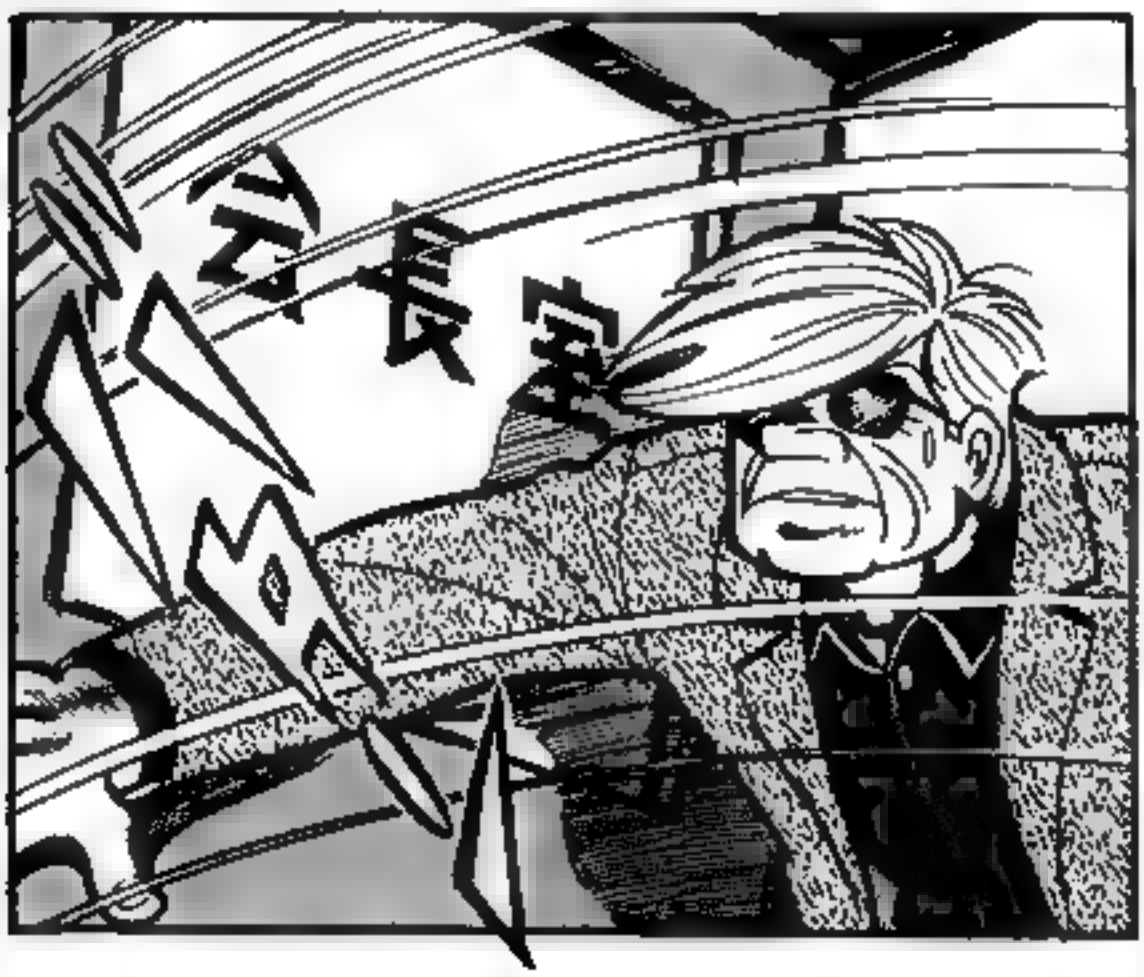
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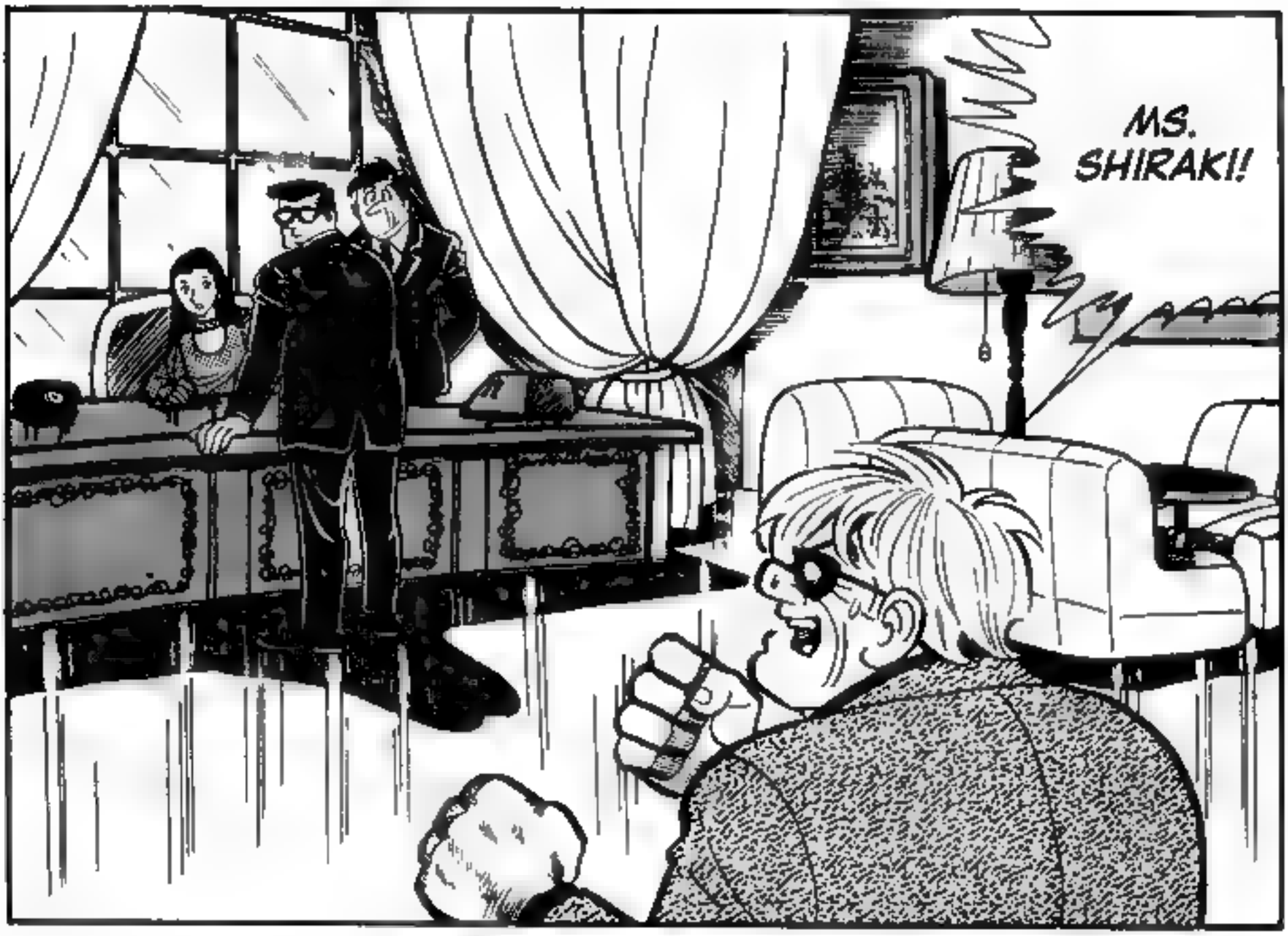
MS. SHIRAKI!

WHY THE SUDDEN INSULTS?
HM? WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE MATTER?
YOU'RE PRACTICALLY A CON-ARTIST!
DESPICABLE!

I JUST FOUND OUT THAT THE SO-CALLED "6TH-RANKED" BOXER OF YOURS IS SO DAMN STRONG THAT THE OTHER RANKERS ARE ALL AVOIDING HIM!
YOUR SMOOTH-TALKING HAD ME AND NANGOU COMPLETELY FOOLED INTO SIGNING THAT CONTRACT, OR SHOULD I SAY, "DEATH WARRANT!"

WHETHER OR NOT YOUR PRECIOUS BOXER IS SLAUGHTERED IS DEPENDENT UPON HIS SKILLS AND YOUR ABILITY TO TRAIN HIM, IS IT NOT?

W-WHAT?

YOU PLANNING TO SLAUGHTER MY NANGOU BY PITTING HIM AGAINST THAT MONSTER!?

HIS RECORD IS 34-0! AND THE LAST 19 HAVE BEEN ALL KO WINS!

OH, FOR A MOMENT THERE, I WAS WORRIED THAT I HAD ACTUALLY DONE SOMETHING WRONG...

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AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M QUITE BUSY RIGHT NOW

I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE.

YOU KNEW IF THE MEDIA CAUGHT WIND OF HIM, THEY'D MAKE SUCH A BIG FUSS THAT NOBODY IN JAPAN WOULD WANT TO FIGHT HIM!

NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU NEVER ALERTED THE PRESS OR ANYBODY TO WELCOME CARLOS!

I SEE HOW IT IS...

...

PLEASE ESCORT THIS MAN OUTSIDE NOW

GENTLEMEN.

BUT THE FACT REMAINS, THIS CONTRACT ALREADY BEARS YOUR SIGNATURES.

YOU'RE FREE TO IMAGINE WHATEVER YOU WISH,

TRYING TO BACK OUT NOW WOULD PROVE TO BE QUITE THE CATASTROPHE, SPEAKING BOTH LEGALLY AND FINANCIALLY.

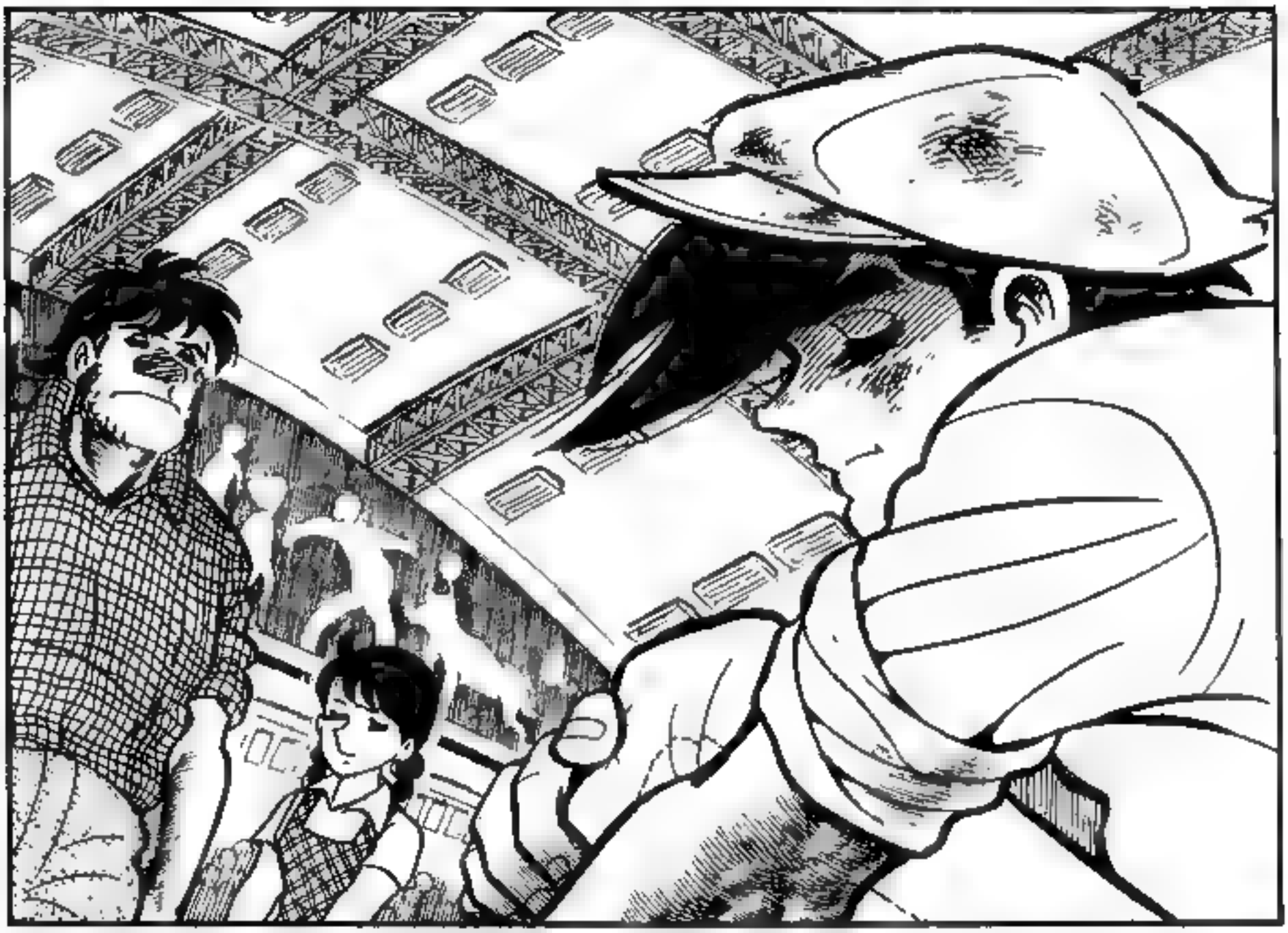
HA HA...

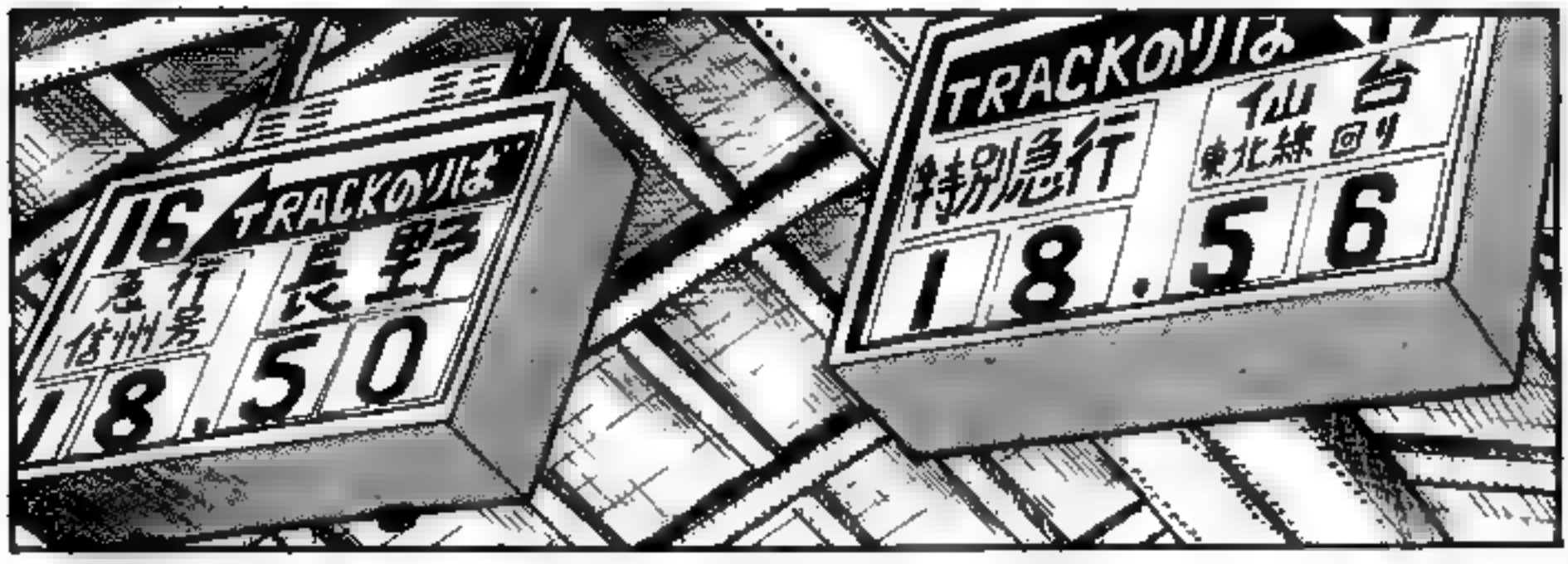
I GUESS I'M THE IDIOT HERE FOR THINKING YOU WERE JUST SOME SPOILED HEIRESS.

YOU'RE REALLY A SLY BITCH, AREN'T YOU...

FOR MY GRAND GAMBLE...!

IT'S TIME TO CAST THE DIE,

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THE 6:50 SHINSHUU EXPRESS ON PLATFORM 16-
ALL PASSENGERS NOT ON BOARD SHOULD QUICKLY MAKE THEIR WAY ON THE TRAIN.
THE 6:50 SHINSHUU EXPRESS ON PLATFORM 16, HEADED FOR NAGANO, IS NOW READY TO DEPART.

NOW THEN... IF EVERYONE'S HERE,

THEN GRAB YOUR LUGGAGE AND FOLLOW ME.

WE'LL WALK WITH YOU TO THE PLATFORM.

THANKS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME AND SEE ME OFF.

NISHI, NORIKO...

WELL...

I GUESS I'LL BE OFF THEN.

I HEAR YA.

THIS IS OUR SECTION SO HURRY UP OR YOU'LL MISS THE TRAIN.

YABUKI...

TELL HIM TO TAKE CARE.

I CAN ONLY GUESS HE'S ONLY TOO ASHAMED OF HIMSELF TO HAVE RAISED ANOTHER BOXER TO FOLLOW HIS SAME FOOTSTEPS.

HAHA... SEEING AS HOW THE OLD MAN ISN'T HERE,

DON'T GO RUINING YOUR HEALTH.

YOU TAKE CARE TOO.

I AIN'T THE TYPE TO WRITE LETTERS!

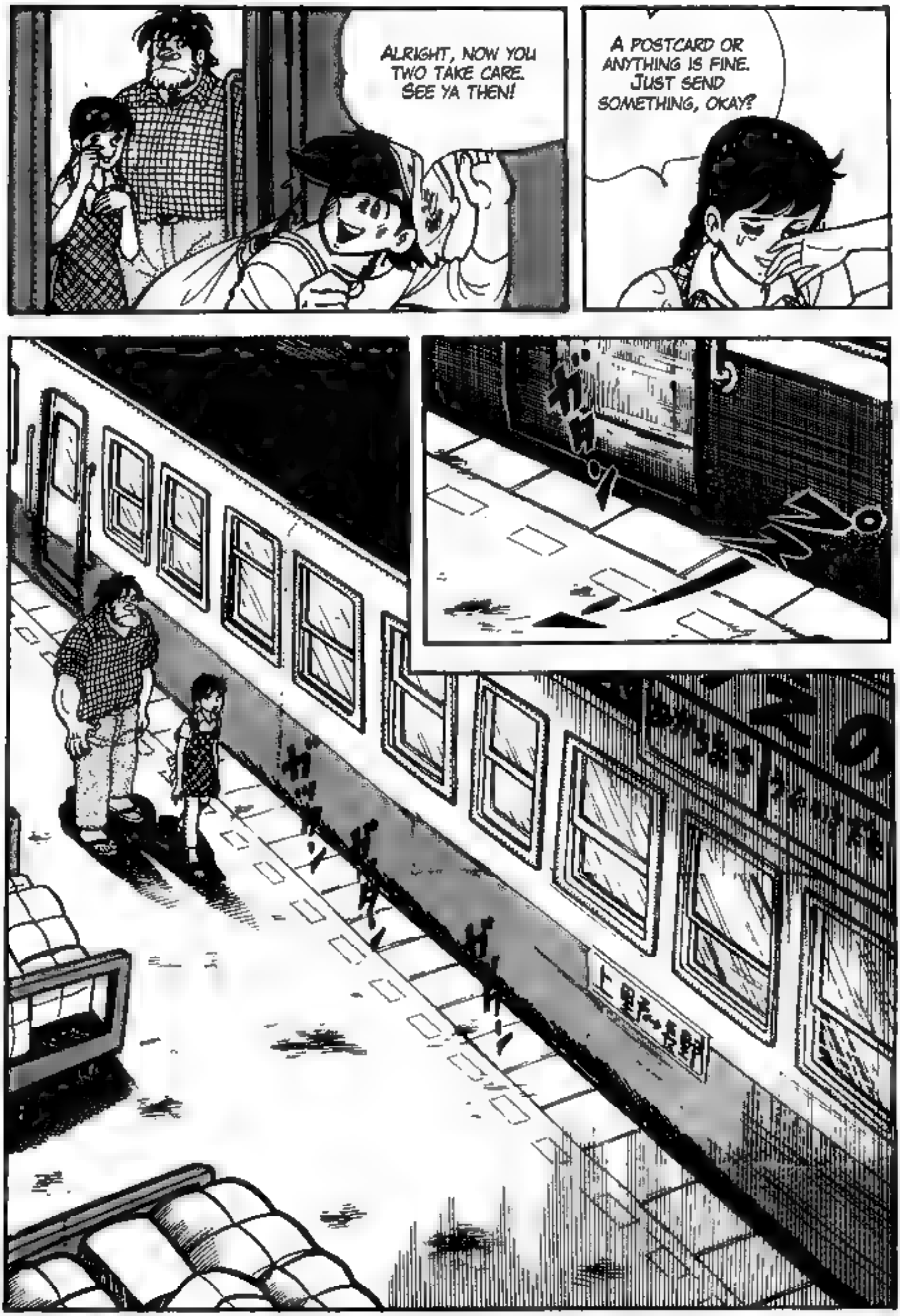
HAHA...

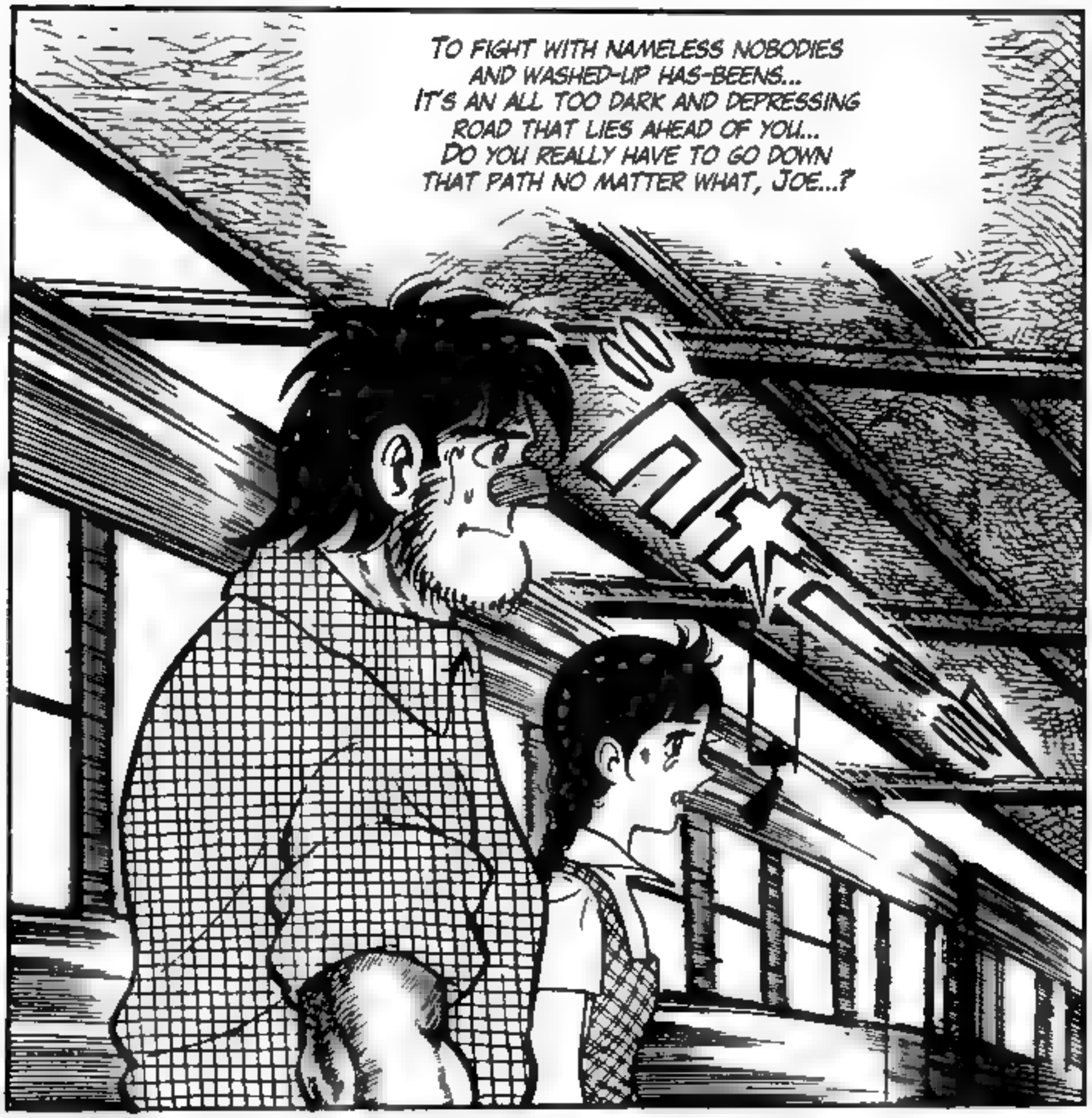
AND SEND A LETTER WHEN YOU GET THERE.

YEAH, YOU TOO.

I GUESS I COULD SEND A POSTCARD.

UHH, BUT...


ALRIGHT, NOW YOU TWO TAKE CARE. SEE YA THEN!
A POSTCARD OR ANYTHING IS FINE. JUST SEND SOMETHING, OKAY?


TO FIGHT WITH NAMELESS NOBODIES
AND WASHED-UP HAS-BEENS...
IT'S AN ALL TOO DARK AND DEPRESSING
ROAD THAT LIES AHEAD OF YOU...
DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO GO DOWN
THAT PATH NO MATTER WHAT, JOE...?

RIKIISHI TOORU
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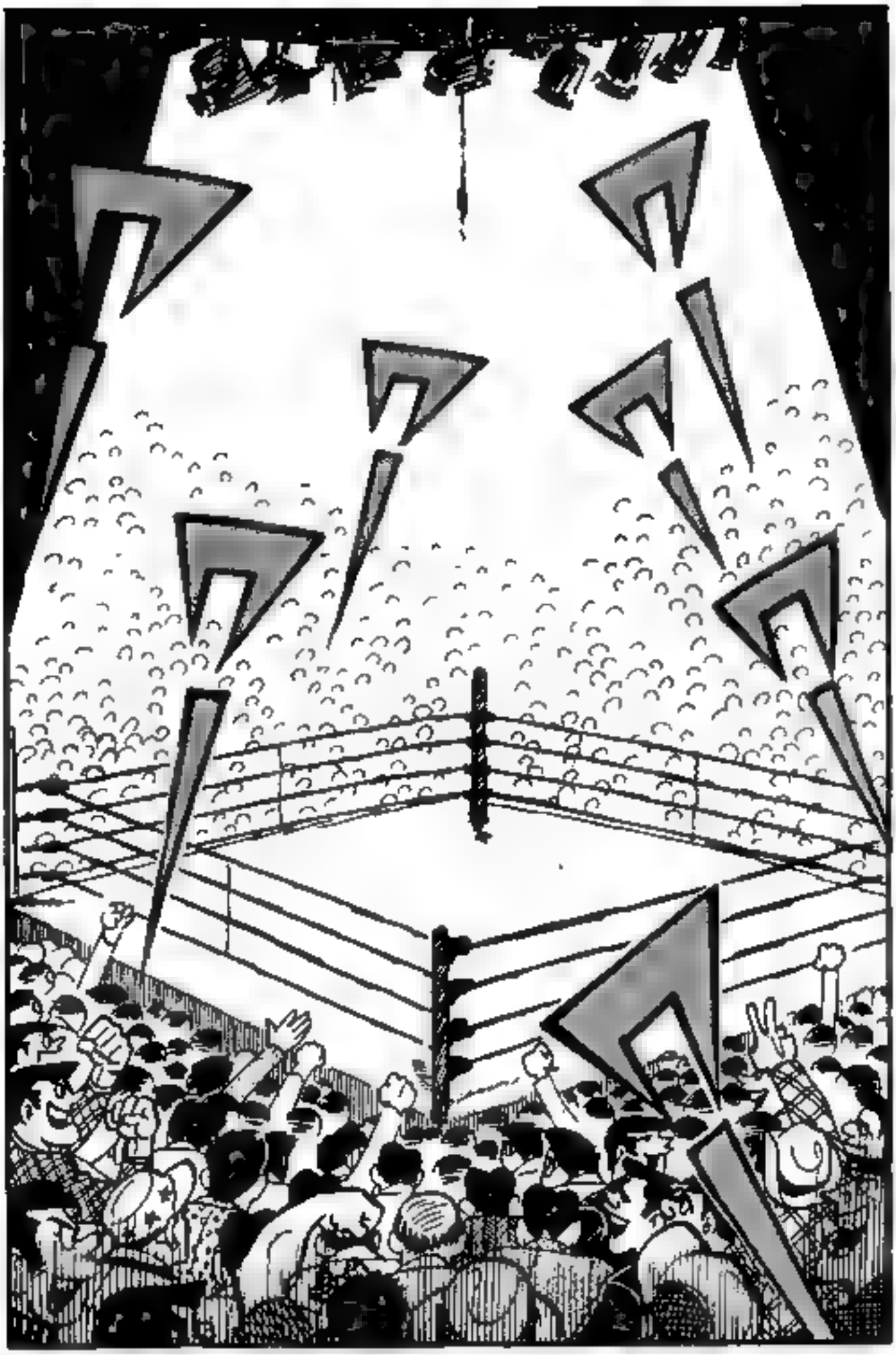

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TONIGHT WE'LL BE BROADCASTING CARLOS RIVERA'S HIGHLY ANTICIPATED FIRST FIGHT IN JAPAN! AS YOU MAY KNOW ALREADY, CARLOS RIVERA IS THE 6TH RANKED BANTAMWEIGHT BOXER IN THE WORLD AND HAS RECENTLY BEEN INVITED TO COME FIGHT IN JAPAN AT THE BEHEST OF SHIRAKI GYM.

GOOD EVENING, BOXING FANS.

THAT BEING SAID, NANGOU'S NERVOUSNESS IS CLEARLY QUITE VISIBLE ON HIS FACE RIGHT NOW...

YES, AND YOU REALLY HAVE TO COMMEND NANGOU JINEI FOR COURAGEOUSLY CHALLENGING SUCH A PROVEN, STRONG FIGHTER AS RIVERA.

SINCE HIS ARRIVAL, THE MEDIA HAS BEEN TRUMPETING NON-STOP OF HIS PHENOMENAL ABILITIES AND REPUTATION, AND IT'S NO WONDER WE HAVE A FULL-CROWD HERE TONIGHT!

B-B-BUT... YOU'RE S-SHAKING T-T-TOO...!

W-WHAT HAPPENED TO A-ALL THAT TOUGH TALK EARLIER!?

W-W-WHAT ARE YOU T-TREMBLING FOR, YOU YELLOW-BELLIED C-CHICKEN!

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE MATCH TO START BUT CARLOS RIVERA IS STILL NOWHERE TO BE SEEN.

AFTER MATCH, HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT TOGETHER DINNER?

TIENES UN CUERPO REALMENTE HERMOSO.

ONCE AGAIN, HE'S BUSY CHARMING A LOVELY LADY IN THE STANDS!

AHHH! THERE HE IS!

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C-CARLOS! CUT THAT OUT, CARLOS!

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AHAHAHAHA!

HAHAHA, WHAT A PLAYBOY!

HAHAHAHA!

TU ERES MI DESTINO...

AMAME DULCEMENTE...

AMAME TIERNAMENTE...

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CARLOS! YA FUE SUFICIENTE!

MIKI

AHAHAHAHA!

S-SOMEBODY H-

LOVE ME BACK, PLEASE...

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

THIS IS LOVE.

CARLOS!

OH, FOR THE LOVE OF...

IF YOU DON'T SHAPE UP THIS INSTANT I'LL HAVE YOU SENT BACK TO VENEZUELA!

THE MATCH IS SET TO BEGIN AND YOU'RE STILL FOOLING AROUND!

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH YOU!?

MS. YOUKO...

YOUR OPPONENT AND YOUR SECONDS ARE GETTING TIRED OF WAITING FOR YOU!

IF YOU'RE SORRY THEN GET YOURSELF UP ON THE RING ALREADY!

SO PLEASE NO ANGRY...

YES, YES, I GO RING RIGHT AWAY.

UMM...

I SO SORRY, MISS YOUKO...

SO VERY SORRY.

AGH-

MI AMOR!

SORRY...

OHH...

AHH-

C-CARLOS!

OHH, MISS YOUKO! YOUR CHEEK SO SWEET AND TENDER!

SO VERY DELICIOUS!

HE'S DONE IT NOW!

OH NO!

HAHAHAHA!

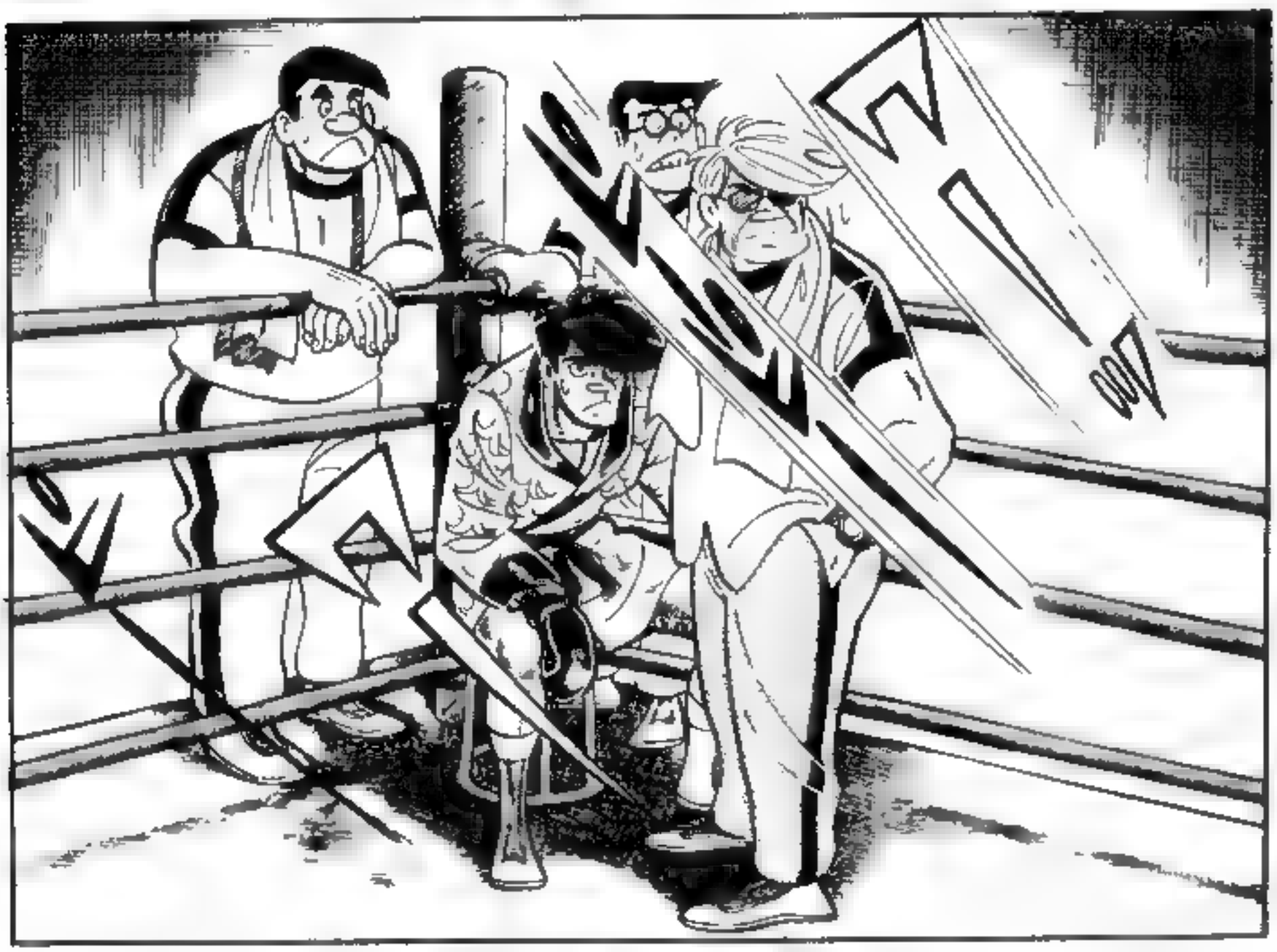
WHY YOU-

LADYKILLER!
SBC
WHAT AN ENTRANCE!

YOU'RE AN INSPIRATION TO ALL US GUYS!

I'M EVEN MORE HYPED NOW TO SEE THE PLAYBOY IN ACTION!
HE'S A JET-BLACK DIAMOND!

OHH THANK YOU!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



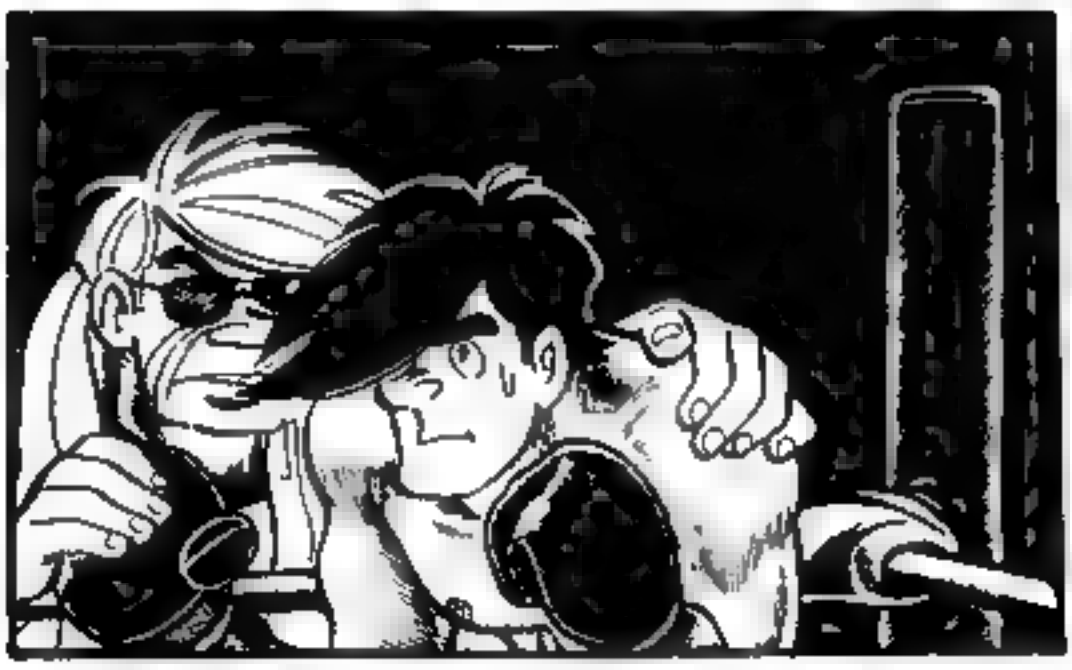
LOOKING AT THIS GESTURES AND ALMOST RHYTHMICAL MOVEMENTS, IT'S ALMOST DIFFICULT TO THINK OF HIM AS A BOXER AND NOT A DANCER!
CARLOS RIVERA LEAPS ONTO THE RING AMIDST THE CROWD'S ADULATION!

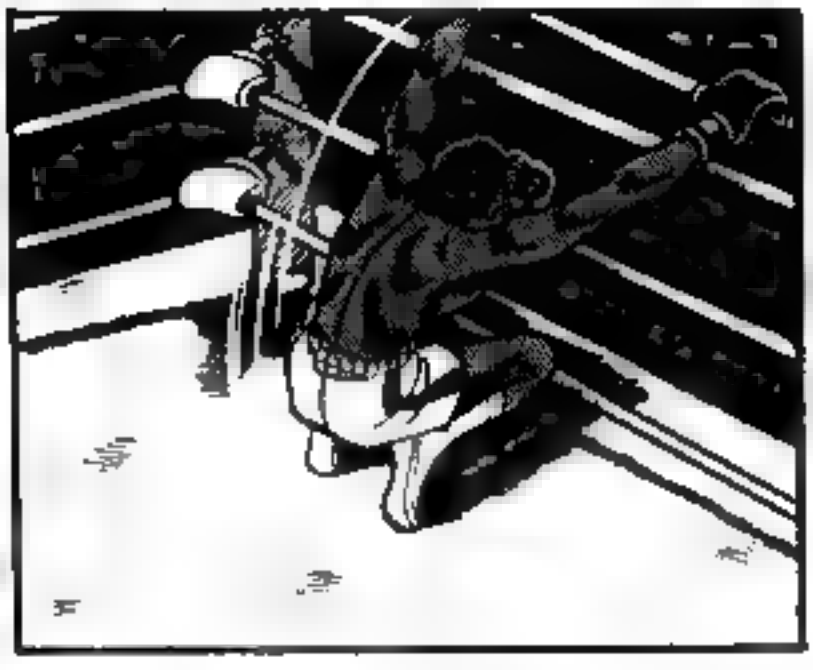
I EAGERLY AWAIT HIS PERFORMANCE TONIGHT TO SEE IF HIS REPUTATION AS VENEZUELA'S TERROR IS JUSTIFIED OR NOT.

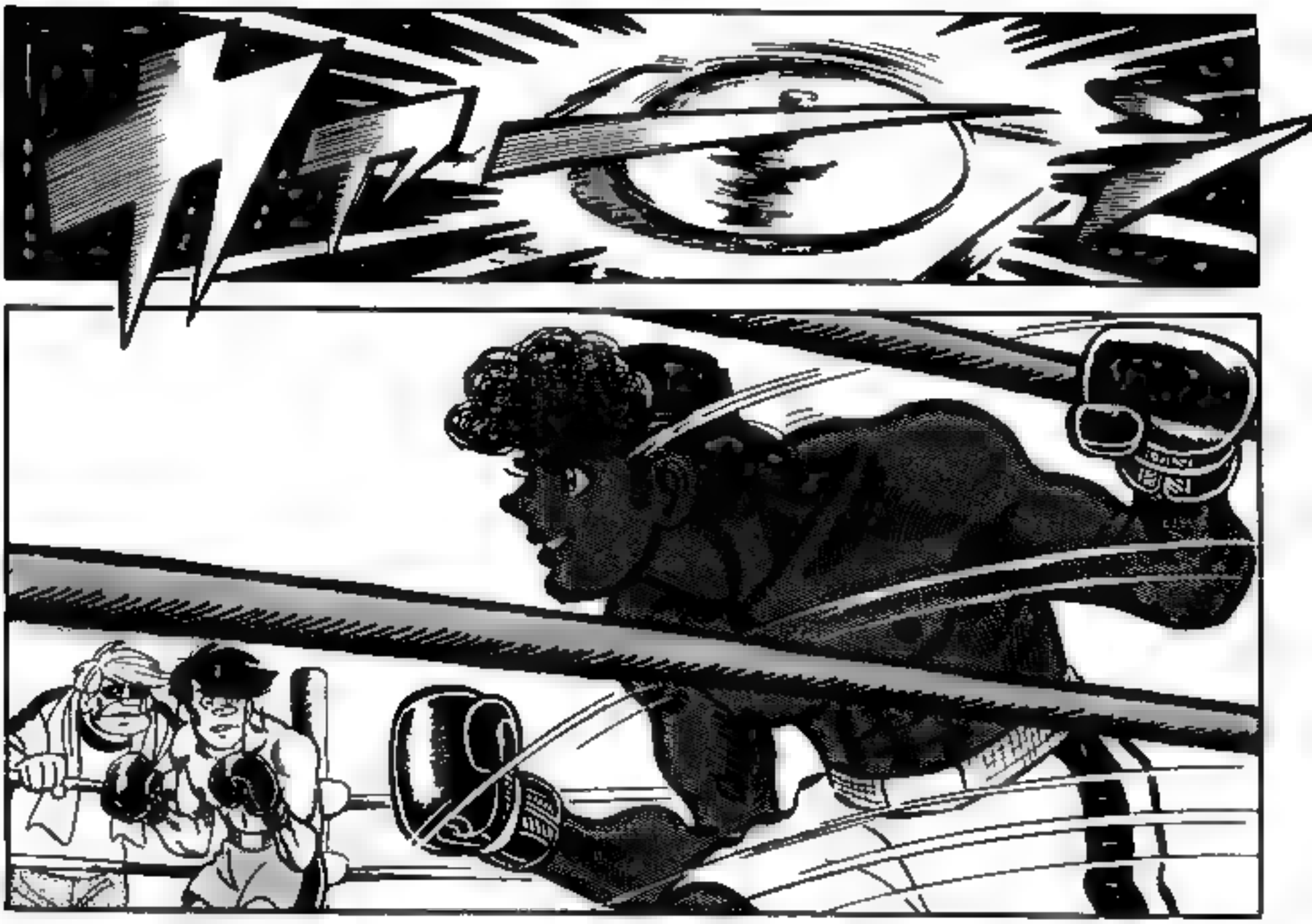
ALTHOUGH CARLOS HAS SO FAR ONLY SHOWN HIS EASY-GOING WOMANIZING WAYS,

THE MATCH IS NOW ABOUT TO BEGIN.

THE FIGHTERS HAVE NOW RETURNED TO THEIR CORNERS.







DAMN, CHECK OUT THAT BODY!
LOOK AT HIS TOUGH DARK SKIN GLISTEN!
HIS FOOTWORK SEEMS VERY LIGHT TOO. THAT'S A WORLD-RANKER FOR YA!

HE'S LIKE A CRAB CAUGHT IN A NET, DESPERATELY TRYING TO PROTECT ITSELF!

ON THE OTHER HAND, LOOK AT NANGOU! HE'S ALL FROZEN UP!

OH JEEZ...

THOUGH I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF APPROACHING CAUTIOUSLY, ESPECIALLY AGAINST AN OPPONENT OF RIVERA'S CALIBRE, I WONDER IF THIS MAY NOT BE OVERDOING IT...

YES.

NANGOU HAS ADOPTED A TOUGH, DEFENSIVE STANCE BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THAT STANCE WILL SEVERELY INHIBIT HIS OFFENSIVE CAPABILITIES.

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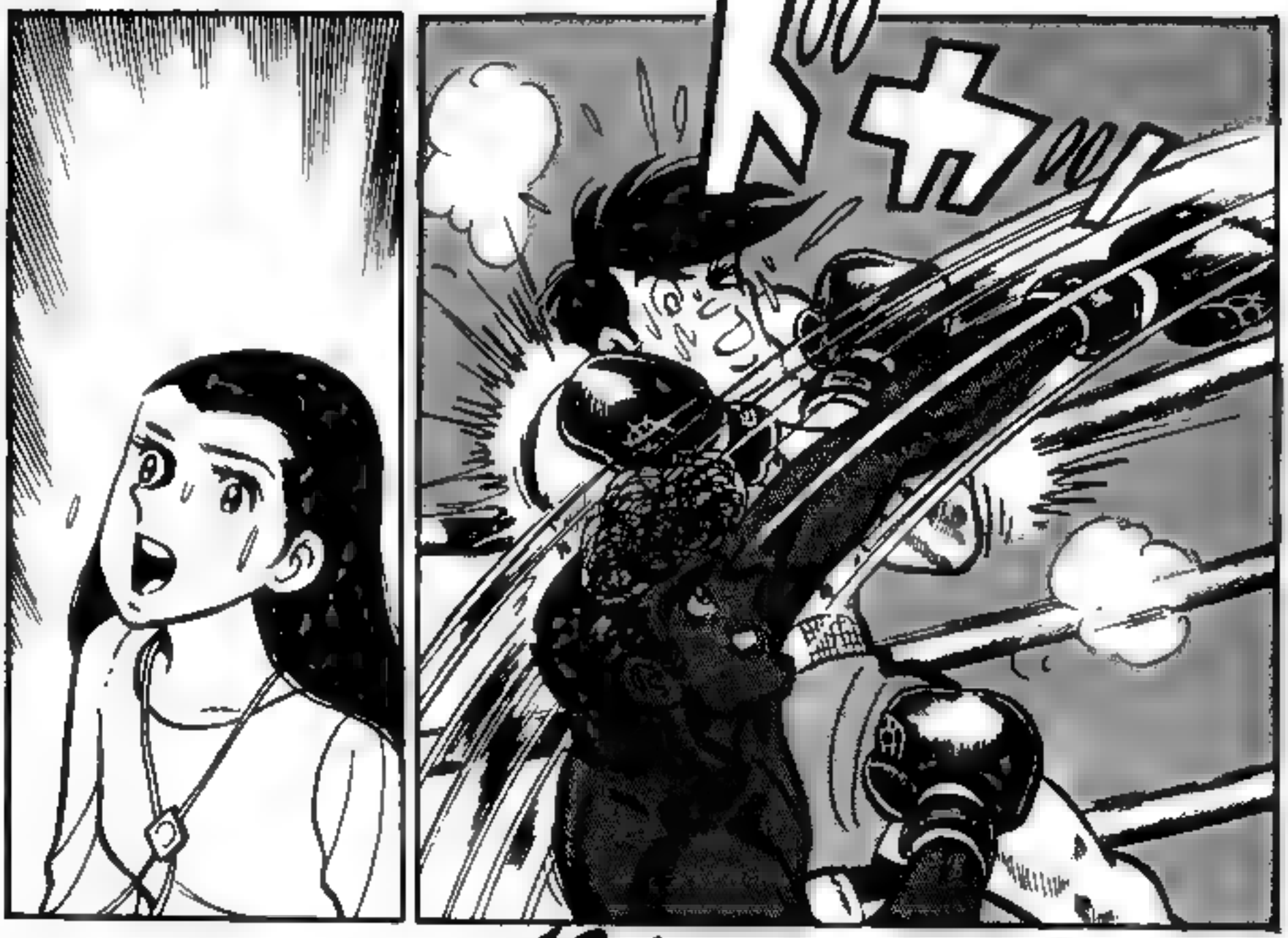
KOOOH
AHH!
HAHA.
N-NO! DISTANCE YOURSELF, NANGOU!

HAHAHA..

YAHHH!

H-HE'S ATTACKING SO AGGRESSIVELY...

R-ROBERT...

HAHH!

HAHH!

OF COURSE.

YOU DID EXPLAIN TO HIM ABOUT MY CONDITIONS, RIGHT...?

AND I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THAT I TOO AM NOT A BAD ACTOR MYSELF! SO JUST LEAVE IT TO US.

HE'S A BORN SHOWMAN, YOU KNOW.

PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING.

LET'S GO! FIGHT!

C'MON CARLOS! KEEP AT IT!

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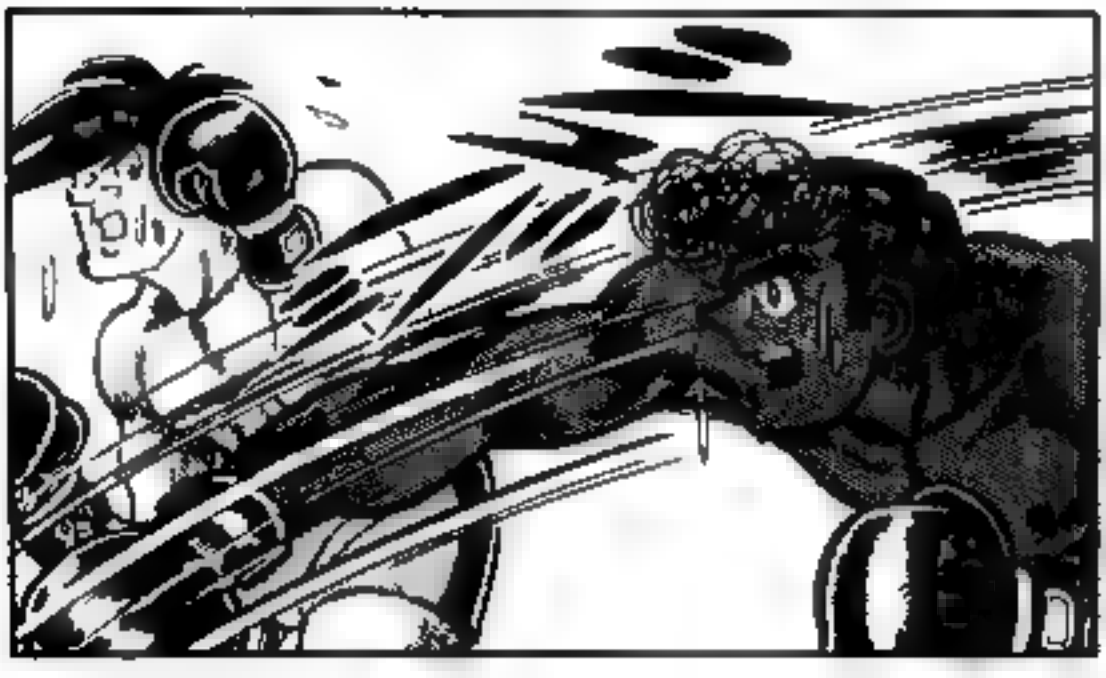
YOU GOT IT!

GO, CARLOS, GO!

GO!

TURN AWAY!
TURN AWAY!
NANGOU!
DISTANCE
YOURSELF!



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BACK TO YOUR CORNER.

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S-STOP!

IT'S STILL A LITTLE TOO EARLY FOR AN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT BUT...

WELL...

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE WORLD'S 6TH RANKED BOXER AFTER THE 1ST ROUND?

MEANWHILE, ALL NANGOU COULD MANAGE WAS DESPERATELY BLOCK WITH HIS BACK TO THE ROPES FOR THE ENTIRE ROUND!

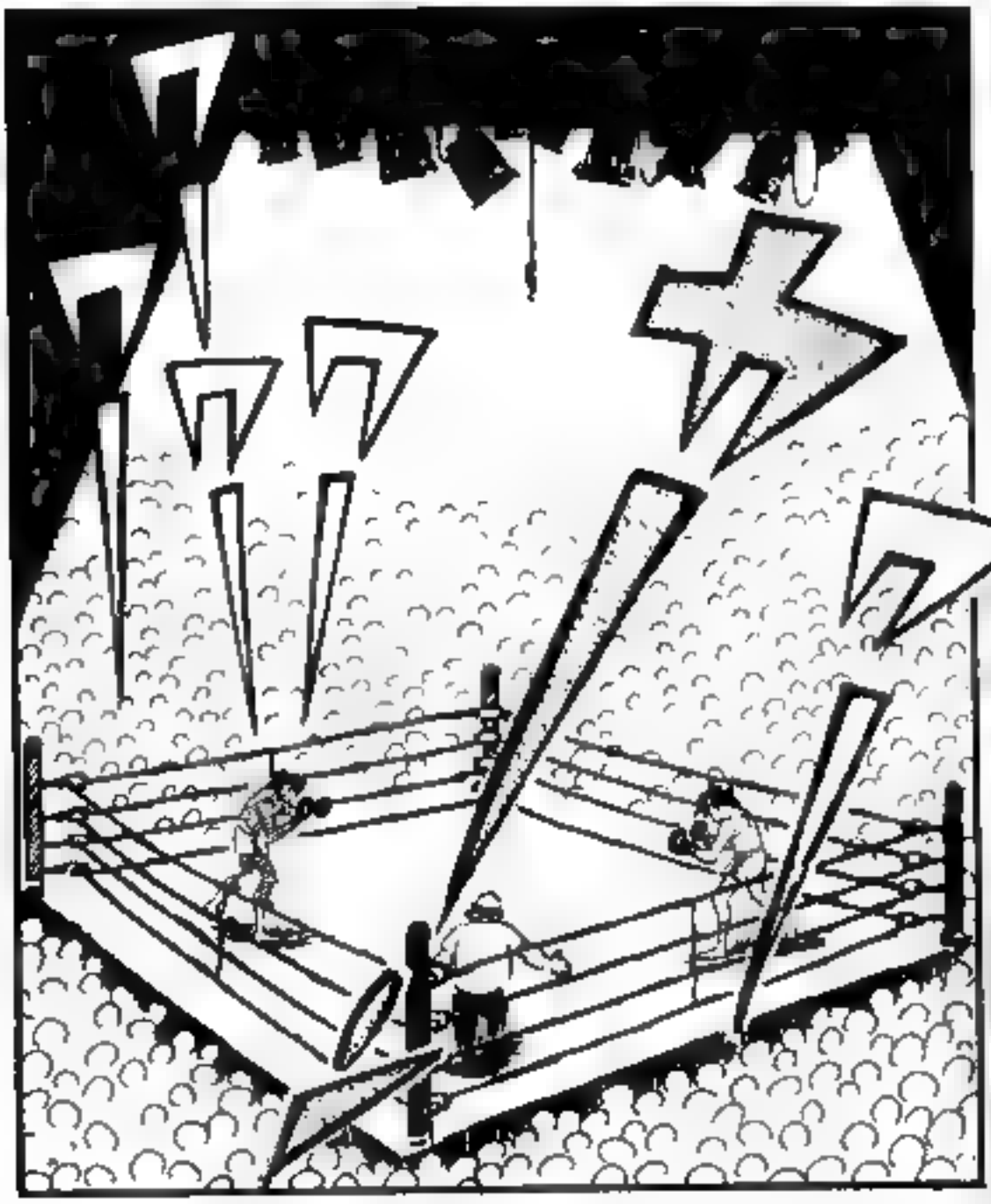
IN WHICH CARLOS RIVERA DOMINATED WITH HIS FLURRYING COMBINATIONS OF JABS, HOOKS, AND UPPERCUTS!

AND THE BELL HAS RUNG, SIGNIFYING THE END TO THE ONE-SIDED ROUND,

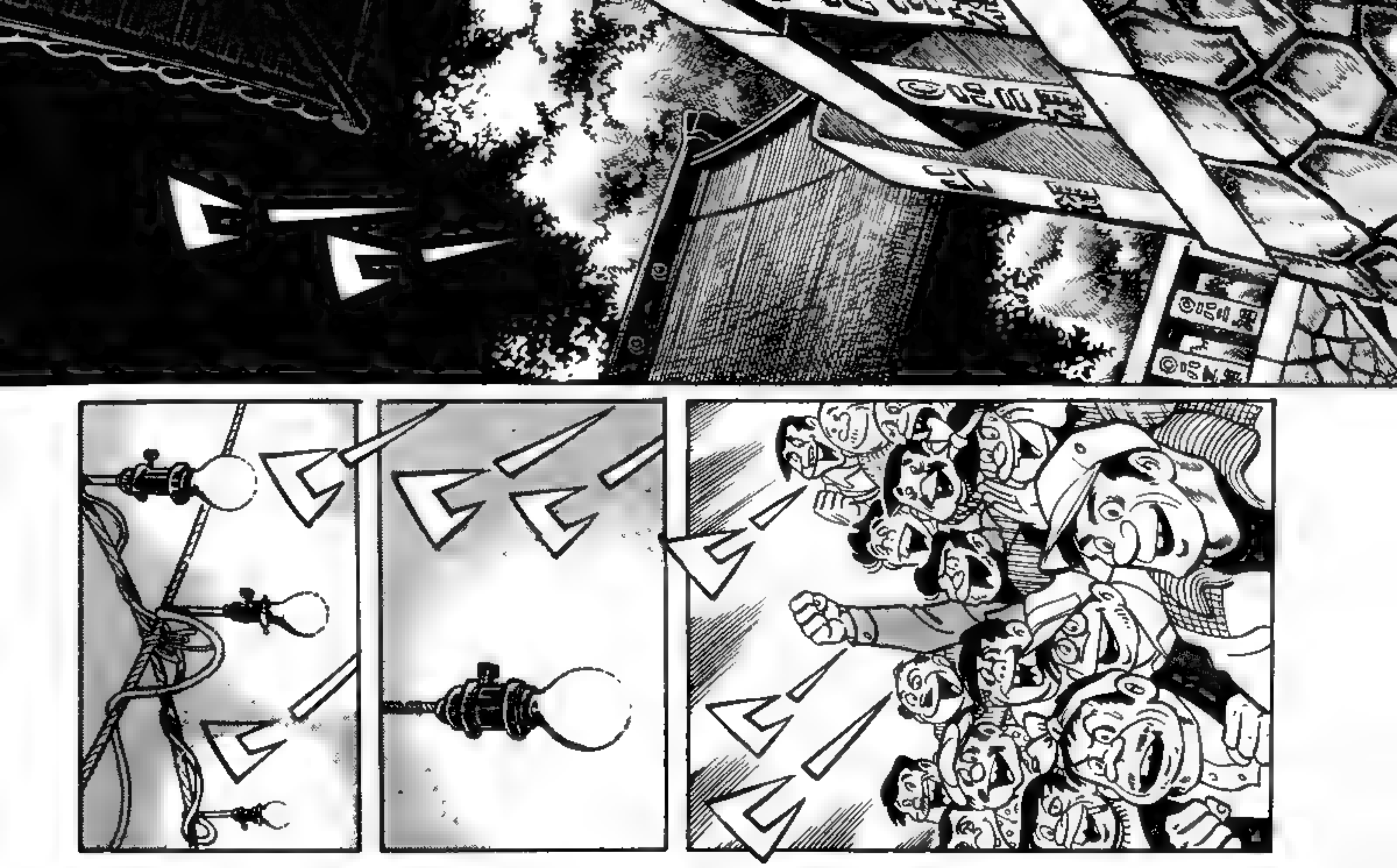
SURE, HE DISHED OUT MANY PUNCHES BUT THEY WERE ALL RENDERED FUTILE AGAINST NANGOU'S TOUGH GUARD.

I ALSO FEAR RIVERA MAY HAVE UNNECESSARILY WASTED TOO MUCH OF HIS STAMINA DURING HIS PRE-GAME "SHOW."

TO BE FRANK, RIVERA'S ATTACKS WEREN'T ALL THAT IMPRESSIVE.



COME ON, CARLOS...
MAKE SURE TO PULL IT OFF WITHOUT ANYONE REALIZING THE TRUTH...!



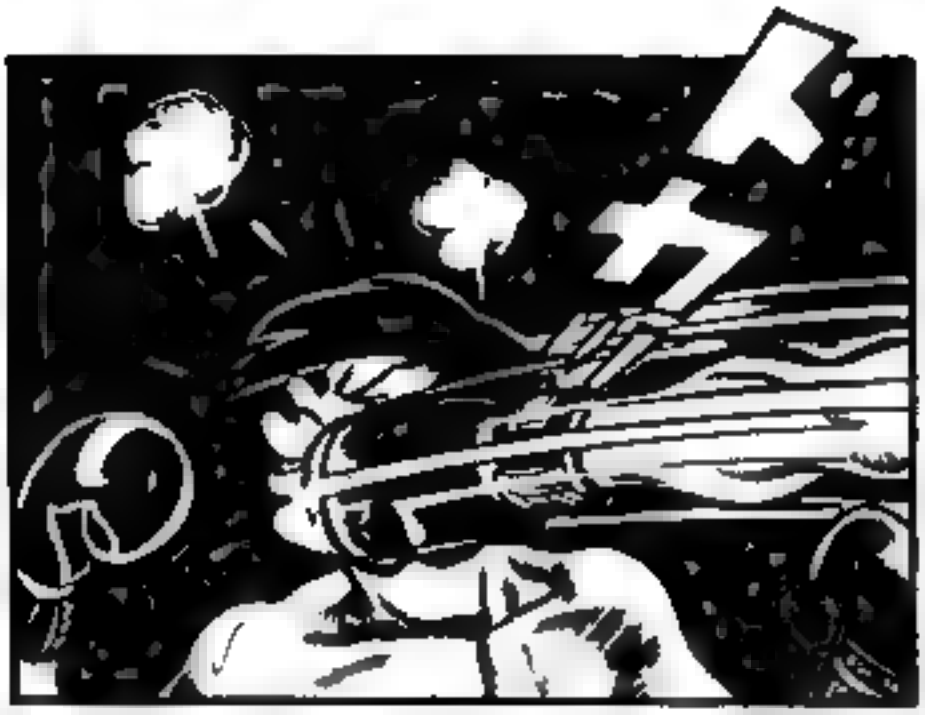
YEAH! SEND HIS ASS FLYIN'!

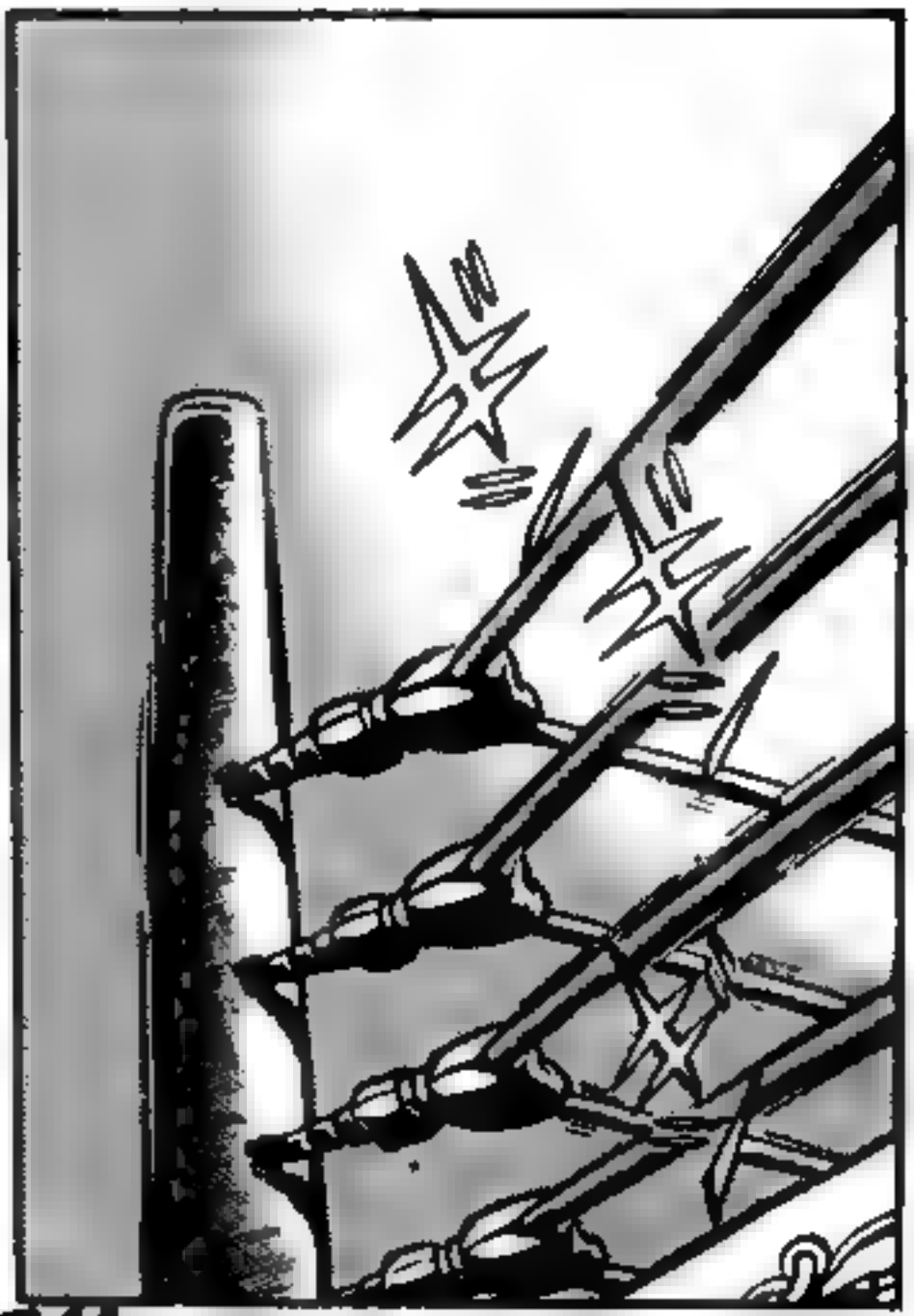
RUUUSSH! RUSH RIGHT AT'IM!

ALRIGHT! NOW THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKIN' ABOUT!

C'MON! NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!

THIS AIN'T KICKBOXING, YOU IDIOT!





NOW THIS IS GETTIN' INTERESTING!
ALRIGHT!

GETTIN' PRETTY CHILLY...

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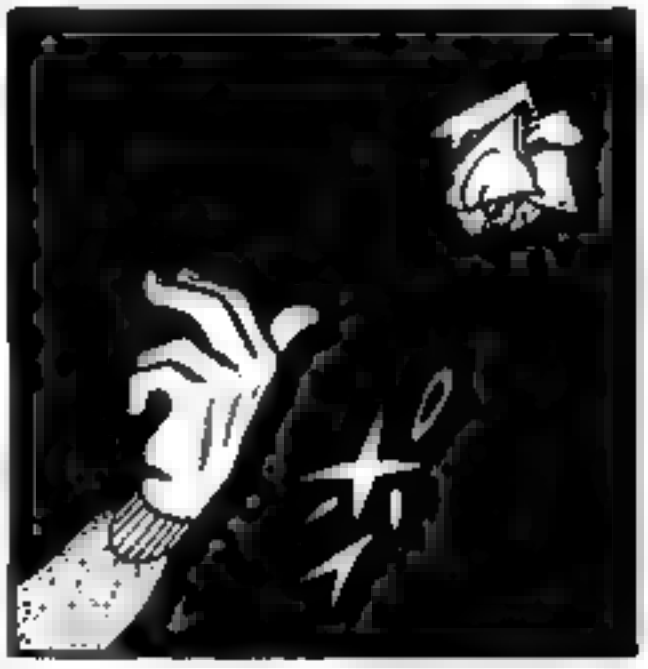

IF YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO SAY, THEN QUIT STARING AT MY FACE.

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IT'S CREEPY, Y'KNOW.

LOOKS LIKE IT'S GONNA RAIN SOON.

HMM...

YAAAHH!

HAH!

HUFF

HUFF

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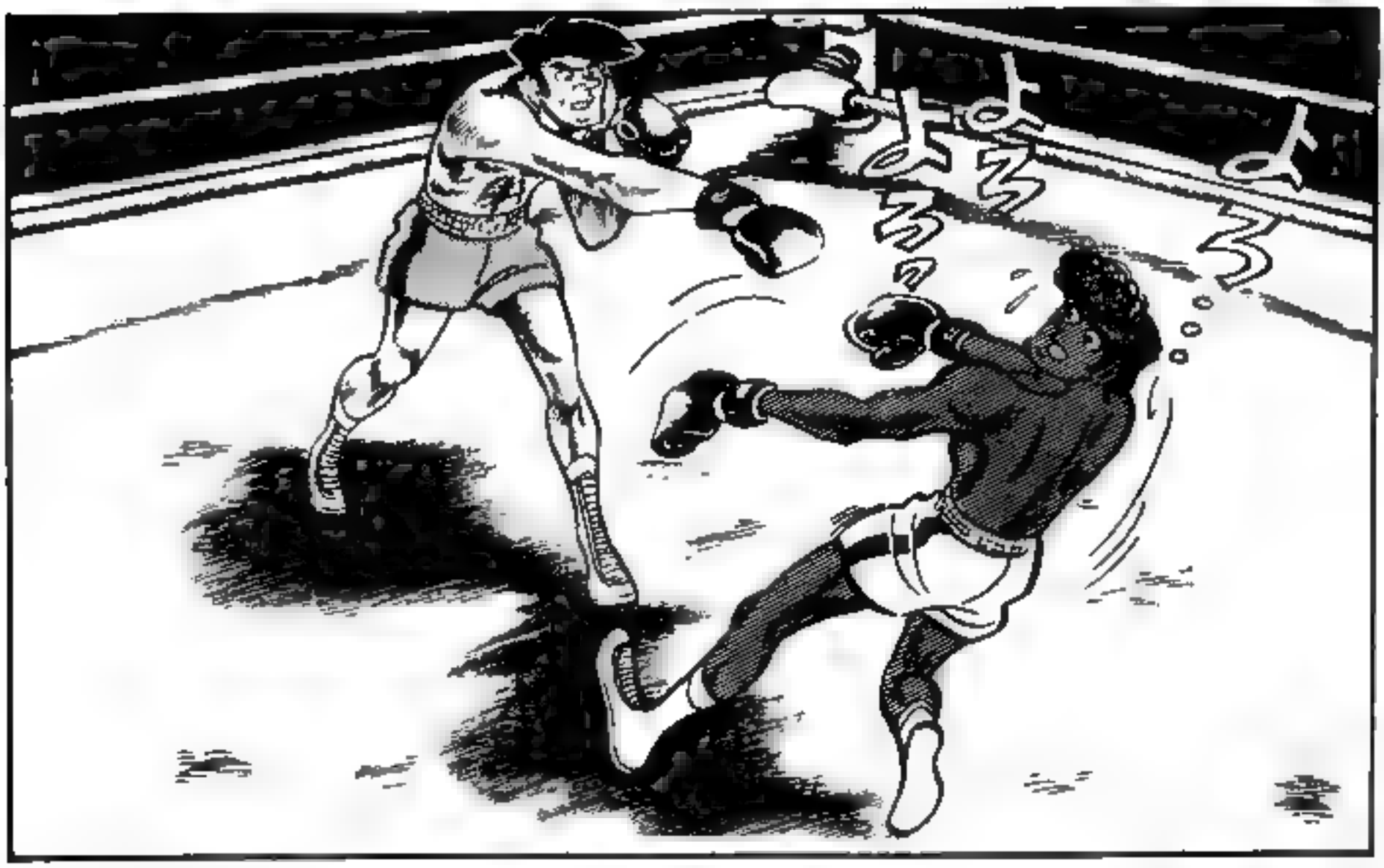

I...
I HIT
HIM...

NOT BAD,
SEÑOR!
NICE
ONE,
NANGOU!

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AHH-

DON'T JUST STAND THERE SPACING OUT!

KEEP UP THE PRESSURE ON HIM!

MY PUNCHES HAVE STARTED TO HIT THEIR MARK...

EVER SINCE THE SECOND-HALF OF THIS ROUND,

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE! KEEP HIS BACK TO THE ROPES!

HUFF

HUFF

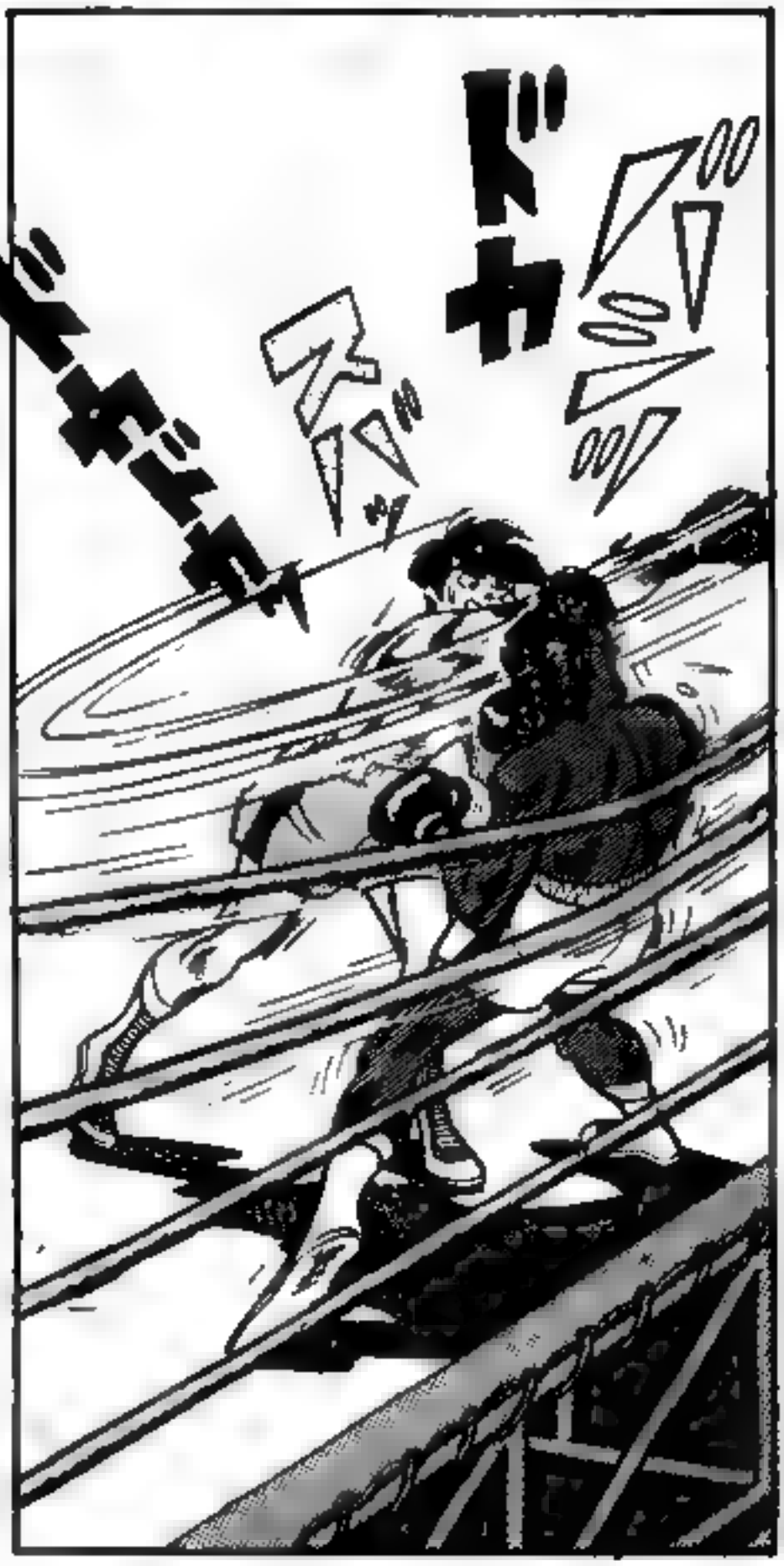
HUFF

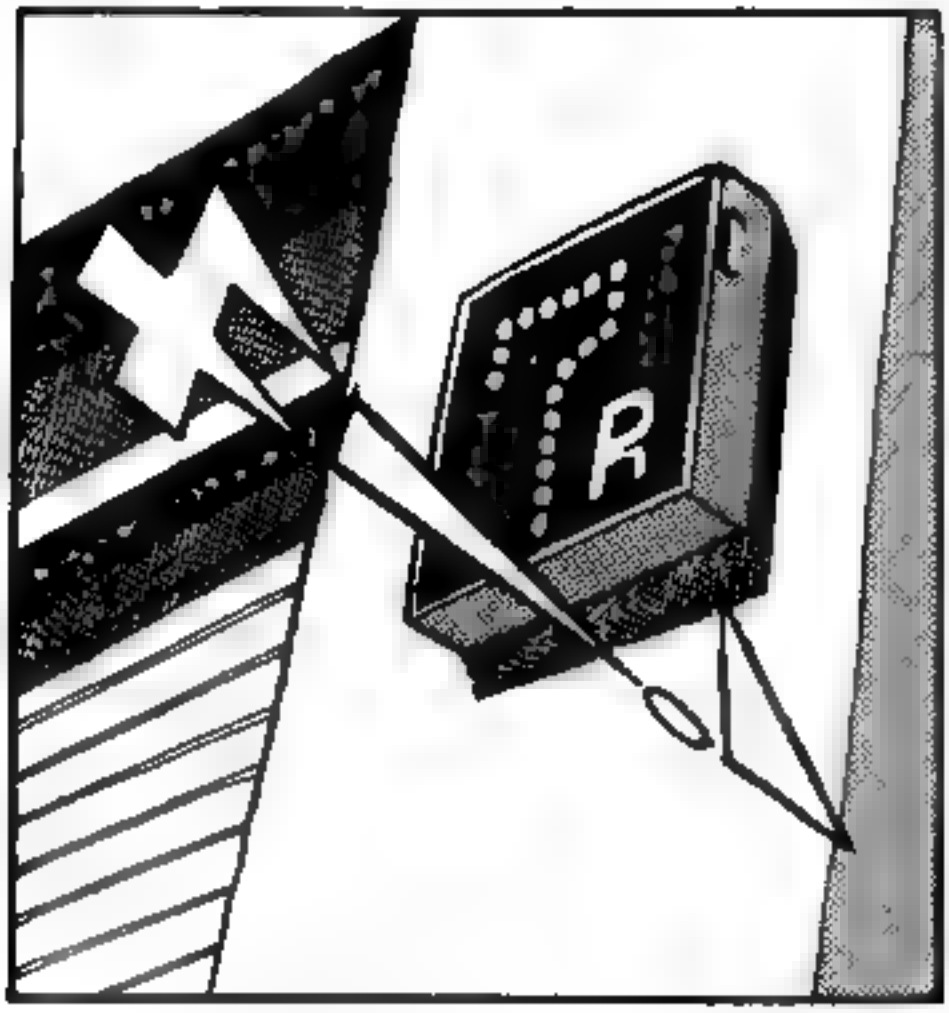
HUFF

R-RIGHT

HEH...
ALL TIRED OUT, PLAYBOY?

KEEP YOUR FEET MOVING!
NO, CARLOS!
GET OUT FROM THERE!

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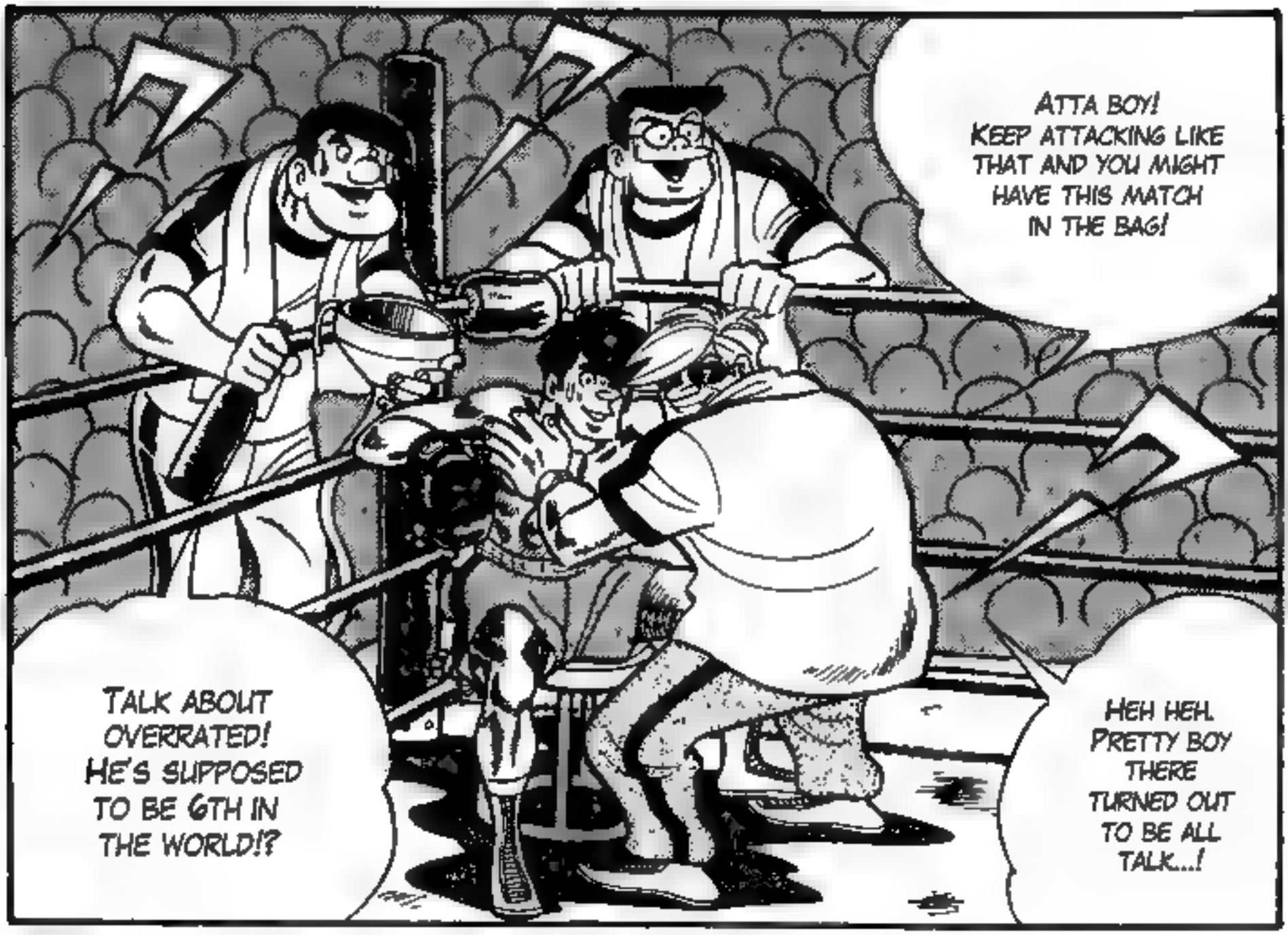

ATTA BOY! KEEP ATTACKING LIKE THAT AND YOU MIGHT HAVE THIS MATCH IN THE BAG!
TALK ABOUT OVERRATED! HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE 6TH IN THE WORLD!?
HEH HEH. PRETTY BOY THERE TURNED OUT TO BE ALL TALK...!

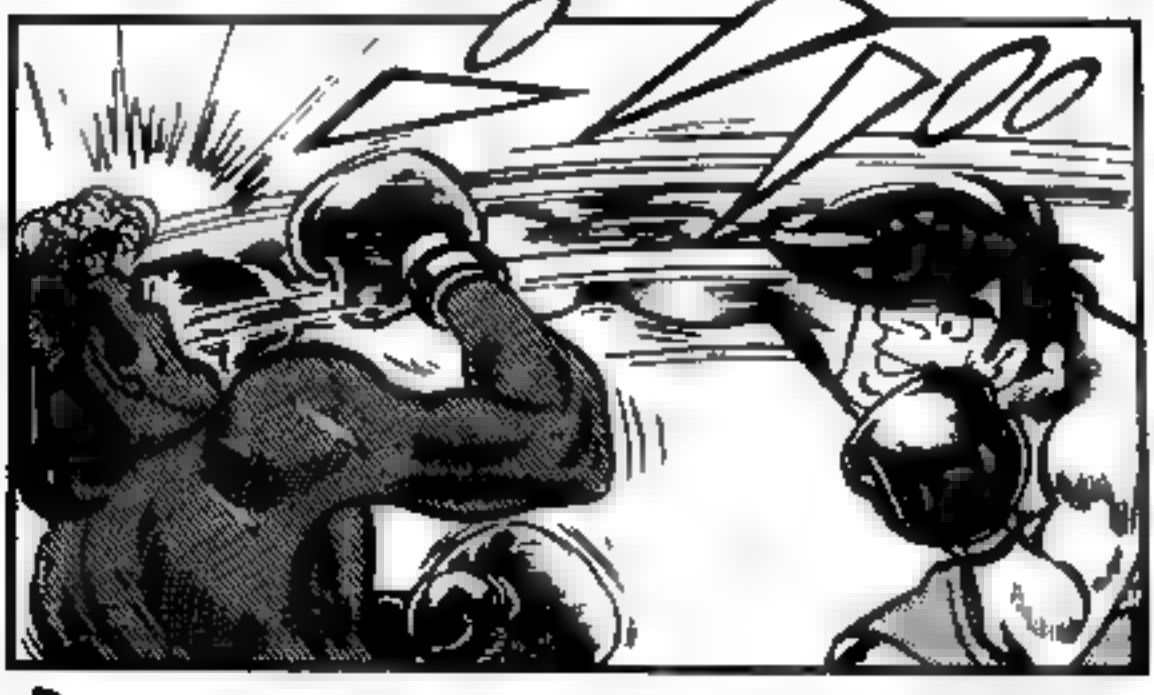
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

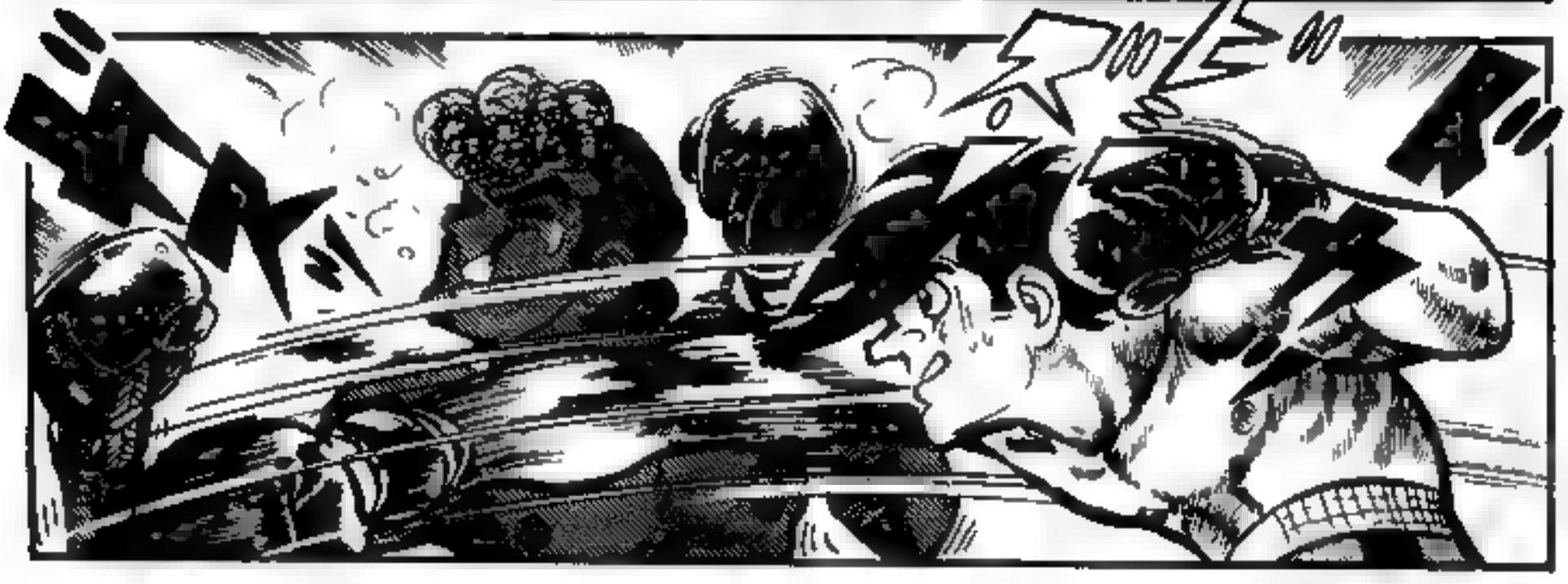
RIGHT.
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SCARED OF HIM SO TAKE HIM ON AT YOUR PACE!
ALRIGHT, I WANT YOU START ON THE OFFENSIVE AS SOON AS THE NEXT ROUND BEGINS.

NOW GO, NANGOU!

IN FACT, HE SHOULD BE SCARED OF ME RIGHT NOW.
HE DOESN'T SCARE ME NO MORE.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO BECOME A WORLD-RANKER!
GET 'IM, NANGOU!
RIVERA'S ALL TALK AND NO SKILL! YOU CAN BEAT HIM!





I REALLY CAN'T SAY MUCH ABOUT CARLOS SURPRISINGLY POOR DEFENCE...!

TO THINK THE WORLD-RANKED BOXER WOULD BE ON THE RECEIVING END OF A FLURRYING SERIES OF PUNCHES FROM A BOXER OF NANGOU'S CALIBER...

IT LOOKS LIKE A CLEAR CASE OF NOT PRACTICING ENOUGH.

HMM...

WELL, WHATEVER THE REASON IS, IT'S CLEAR THAT THIS MATCH IS REACHING FURTHER AND FURTHER AWAY FROM HIS GRASP.

PERHAPS HE WAS TOO OVERCONFIDENT IN HIMSELF, DUE TO THE DIFFERENCE IN RANK BETWEEN HIM AND HIS OPPONENT, AND THUS DID NOT BOTHER TRAINING HARD ENOUGH FOR TONIGHT'S MATCH...

CLIIINCH!

NOOO, CARLOS!

CARLOS, NOOO!

HAHA... THE SOUTH AMERICANS SURE DO LIVE UP TO THEIR REPUTATION AS FAMOUS SHOWMEN...
AND ROBERT'S NOT HALF-BAD EITHER!

HUH, IT'S STARTIN' TO RAIN.
AHH, THAT'S COLD!

WHO CARES. IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE FIGHTING A REAL MATCH APPROVED BY THE BOXING ASSOCIATION OR ANYTHING.
DON'T YOU THINK THE CROWD'LL GET SUSPICIOUS IF YOU SUDDENLY GO DOWN?
I DON'T MIND DOING THAT BUT...

HEY, PSST! HURRY UP AND KNOCK ME OUT.

UGH...

AGH!

TAKE THAT!

GAHH...

I HIT YOU WITH A FIST, NOT A GODDAMN SWORD!

YOU'RE OVER-ACTING, DUMBASS!

UGHHHH...

STUPENDOUS!

WOOHOO! WHAT A KNOCKOUT BLOW!

SEND OUT THE FAMOUS KILLER YABUKI JOE! THE ONE WHO KILLED RIKIISHI TOORU!

IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR THE MAIN EVENT!

KA-T!!

HEAR THAT? THEY'RE CALLING FOR YA.

HURRY IT UP ALREADY! IT'S REALLY STARTIN' TO POUR OUT HERE!

SEND OUT JOE! SEND OUT JOE!

I'M COUNTIN' ON YA.

JUST HOP AROUND ON THE RING A BIT AND KNOCK YOUR OPPONENT OUT WITH YOUR FAMOUS "KILLER-PUNCH." THAT'LL BE SURE TO SATISFY THEM.

THESE LOCALS ALL CAME OUT TO SEE YOU.

ALRIGHT... I'LL GO AS SOON AS I FINISH PUTTIN' THESE GLOVES ON.

OH DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.

I ALREADY TALKED WITH YOUR OPPONENT INABA.

BUT YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN ON THE RING.

WELL, I'LL TRY MY BEST,

IT'S RAINING PRETTY HARD OUT THERE SO GO FOR A QUICK FINISH, IF YOU COULD...

OH, AND ONE MORE THING...

THAT'S WHEN YOU'LL SHOW THE CROWD YOUR FAMOUS CROSS-COUNTER WHICH'LL KNOCK INABA OUT STONE COLD... SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT INABA, HE KNOWS WHAT HE'S SUPPOSED TO DO.

THE PLAN IS TO KEEP TRADIN' PUNCHES UNTIL THERE'S ABOUT 15 SECONDS LEFT IN THE FIRST ROUND WHEN THE REF'LL GIVE YOU GUYS A SIGNAL.

GOT IT?

YOU CAN'T SAY THAT TO ME! I'M YOUR PROMOTER!

W-WHAT!?

SO IT'S A FIXED FIGHT?

AGH-

SORRY BUT I AIN'T FIGHTING IF THAT'S THE CASE.

WELL!?

JUST HOW LOW DO YOU WANT ME TO SINK!?

YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN FORCE ME INTO A FIXED-FIGHT!?

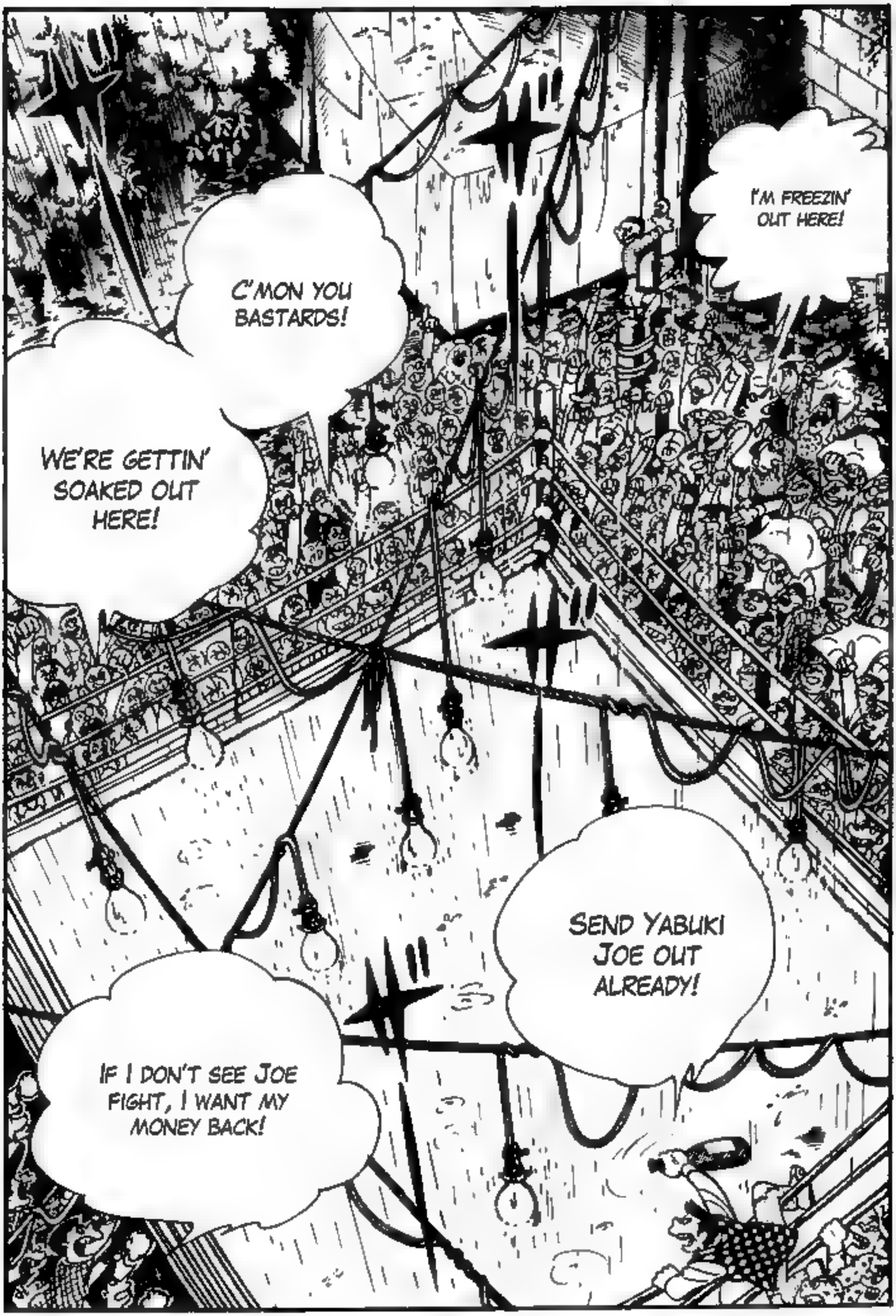
I CAME ALL THE WAY TO THIS DAMN PLACE OUT N THE BOONS FOR AN UNOFFICIAL MATCH ALL BECAUSE I STILL COULDN'T GIVE UP ON BOXING.

S-SOMEBODY H-

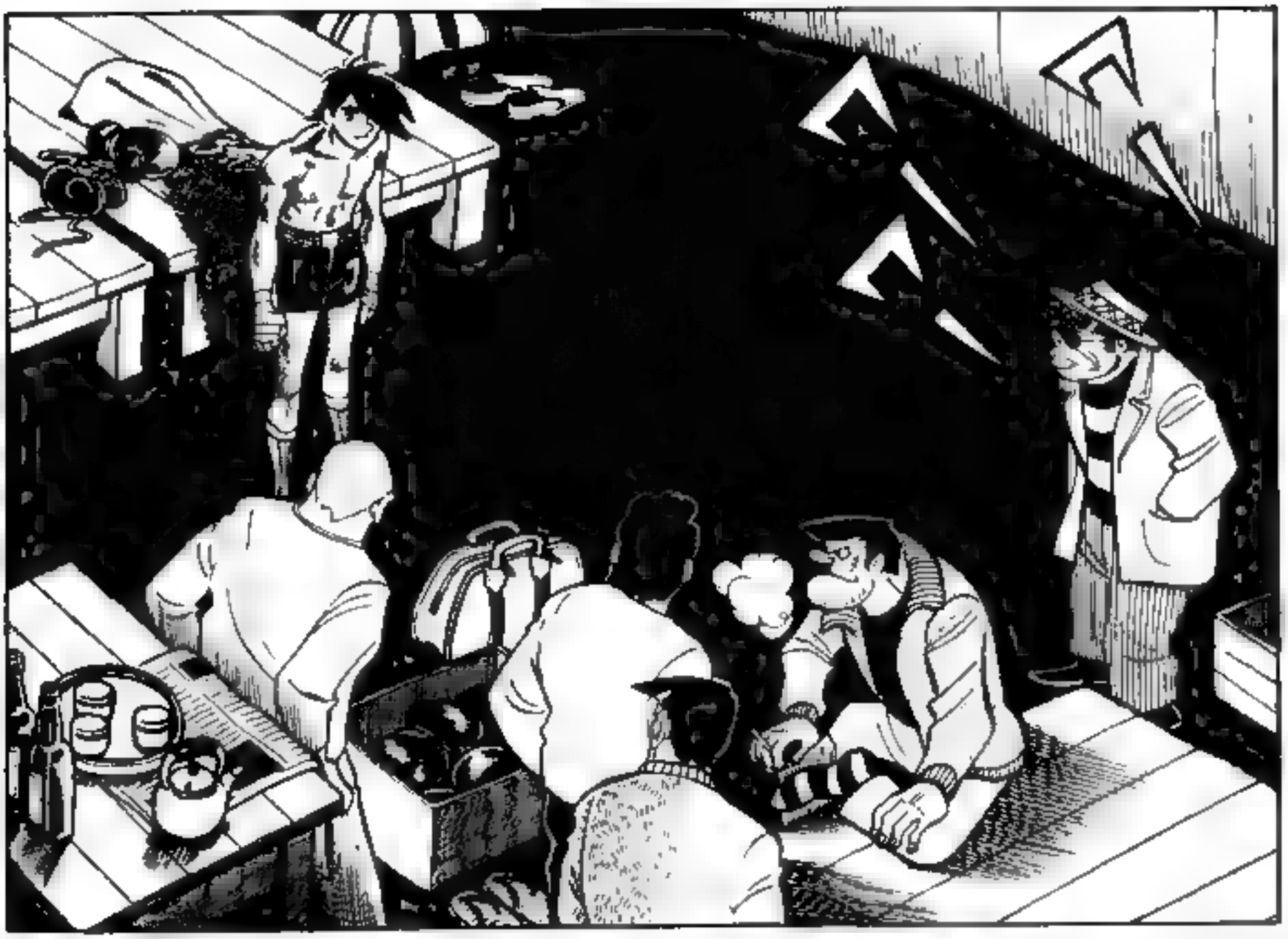
HOW LONG ARE YA PLANNIN' ON MAKIN' US WAIT!? IF YOU DON'T SEND JOE OUT THIS INSTANT, WE'LL TRASH YOUR GODDAMN RING!

SEND OUT JOE! SEND OUT JOE!

HEY! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE NEXT MATCH!?


C'MON YOU BASTARDS!
I'M FREEZIN' OUT HERE!
WE'RE GETTIN' SOAKED OUT HERE!
SEND YABUKI JOE OUT ALREADY!
IF I DON'T SEE JOE FIGHT, I WANT MY MONEY BACK!

WAIT JUST A MOMENT, FOLKS!
W-W...
AGHH!
THAT'S IT! I'M TRASHIN' THIS RING!
TAKE THIS!
S-SO PLEASE, WAIT JUST A LITTLE LONGER..
WE'RE STILL HOLDING THE MATCH. THE FIGHTERS ARE JUST A LITTLE LATE IN GETTING READY, THAT'S ALL.
YOU GET BACK IN THERE AND DRAG JOE OUT THIS INSTANT!
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO PUT ON SOME FREAKIN' SHORTS AND A PAIR OF GLOVES!?
THE HELL IS TAKIN' THEM SO LONG? IT AIN'T LIKE THEY'RE PUTTING ON A WEDDING DRESS.
AHAHAHA!
AND IF HE'S STILL NOT DRESSED, HE CAN FIGHT NAKED FOR ALL WE CARE!



HEH
HEH
HEH

INABA ...?
SO WHICH ONE OF YOU IS MY OPPONENT,

I'M READY.
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I'VE SEEN YOU BEFORE.

I FEEL LIKE...

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SO YOU'RE INABA...

I SAID I'M READY...

WEREN'T YOU THAT FAMOUS HOTSHOT WHO EVEN FOUGHT IN SOME JAPANESE TITLE-MATCHES?

I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE WE'RE STILL BOXERS FOR WHOM FIXED-FIGHTS ARE BENEATH US...

EVEN IF WE'RE STUCK IN A DUMP LIKE THIS RIGHT NOW,

YOU AND ME ARE BOTH BOXERS AT HEART.

INABA,

HELP!

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HEH HEH.

HAHA.

THOSE PEOPLE ARE GONNA GO BERSERK IF THEY DON'T SEE YOU OUT THERE ANY TIME NOW!

YOU **STILL** HAVEN'T FINISHED PUTTING YOUR GLOVES ON!?

AGHHH!

I'M COUNTIN' ON YOU.

INABA! I DON'T CARE HOW YOU DO IT, BUT JUST MAKE SURE TO GO DOWN QUICKLY SO WE CAN WRAP THIS UP.

NOW THEN, IT'S TIME FOR TONIGHT'S MAIN EVENT!

AHEM. MY APOLOGIES FOR THE DELAY.

IN THE RED COR-

START THE GODDAMN FIGHT ALREADY!

NOBODY GIVES A RAT'S ASS ABOUT THAT, YOU DUMBASS!

YEAH, WHAT HE SAID!

QUICKLY! QUICKLY!

NOW GET ON THE RING, YOU TWO!

HEY, THEY'RE COMING OUT!

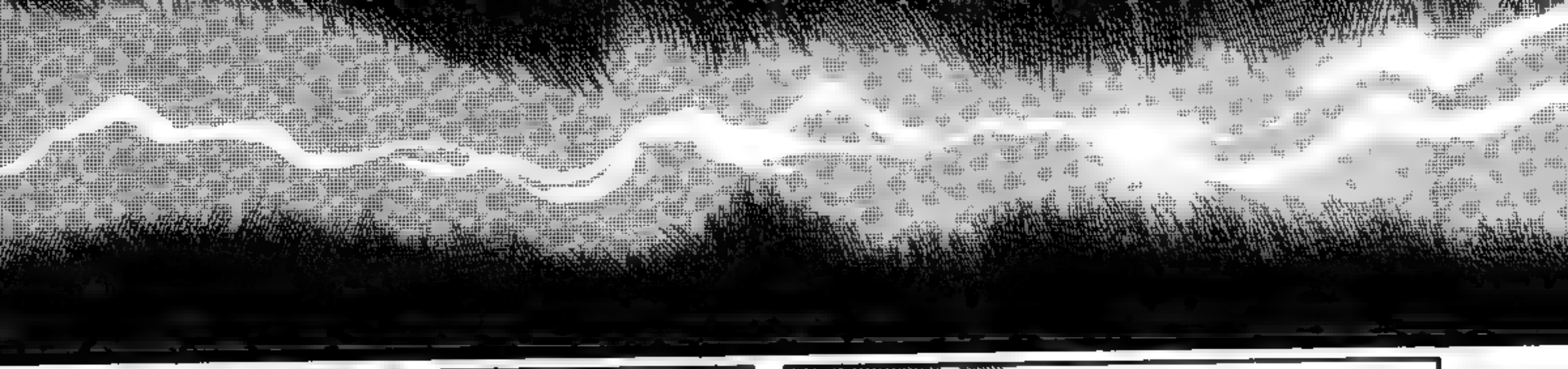
YOU MADE US WAIT LONG ENOUGH, KILLER-JOE!

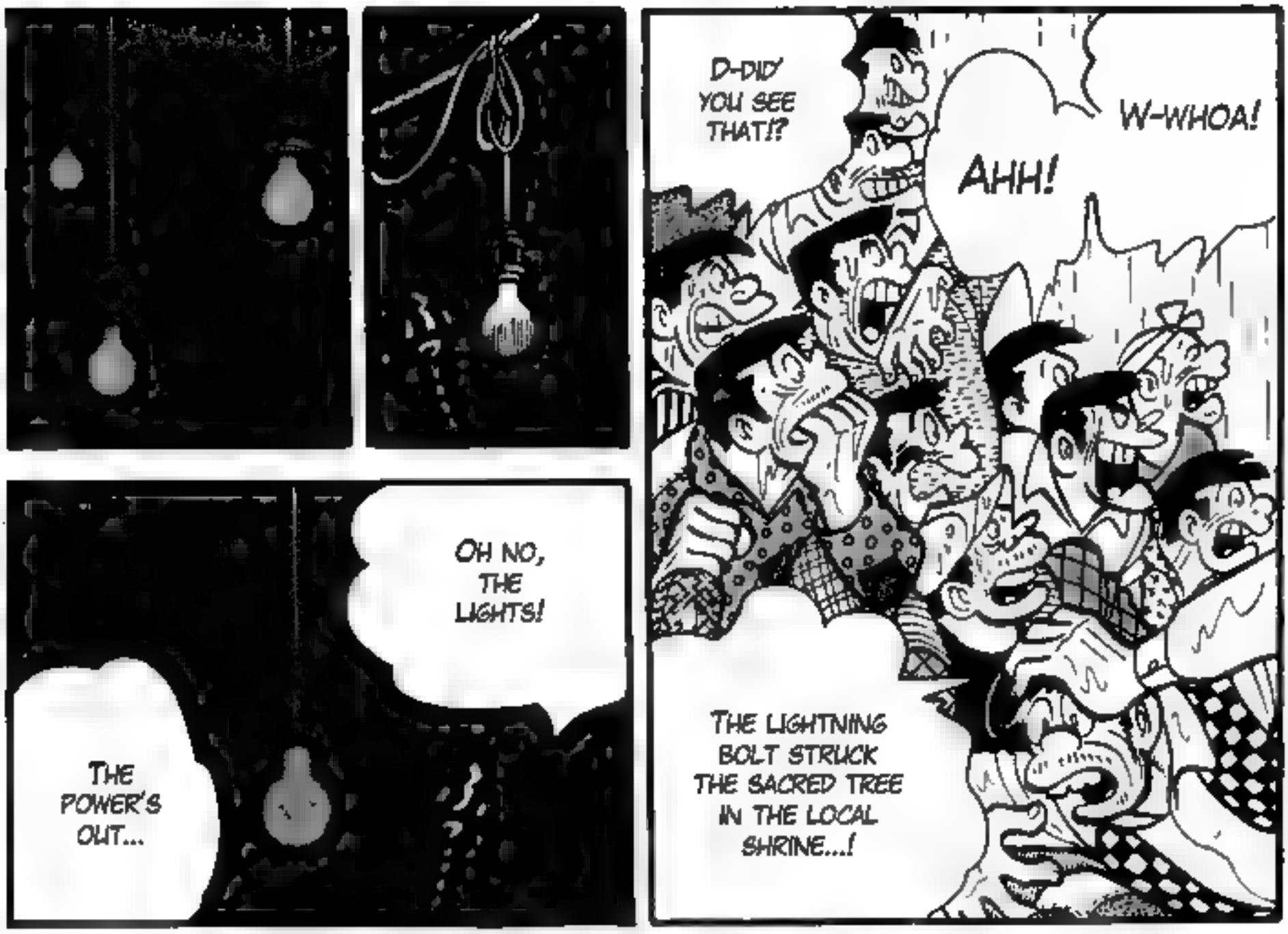
THIS BETTER BE ONE HELL OF A FIGHT AFTER HOW LONG WE WAITED!

OK, BRO. LET'S GET OFF THE RING NOW.

R-RIGHT...

LET THE FIGHT BEGIN...




D-DID YOU SEE THAT!?
AHH!
W-WHOA!
THE LIGHTNING BOLT STRUCK THE SACRED TREE IN THE LOCAL SHRINE...!
OH NO, THE LIGHTS!
THE POWER'S OUT...
STOP SHOVIN'!
HEY!
OWWW! DON'T STEP ON MY FOOT, YOU JACKASS!

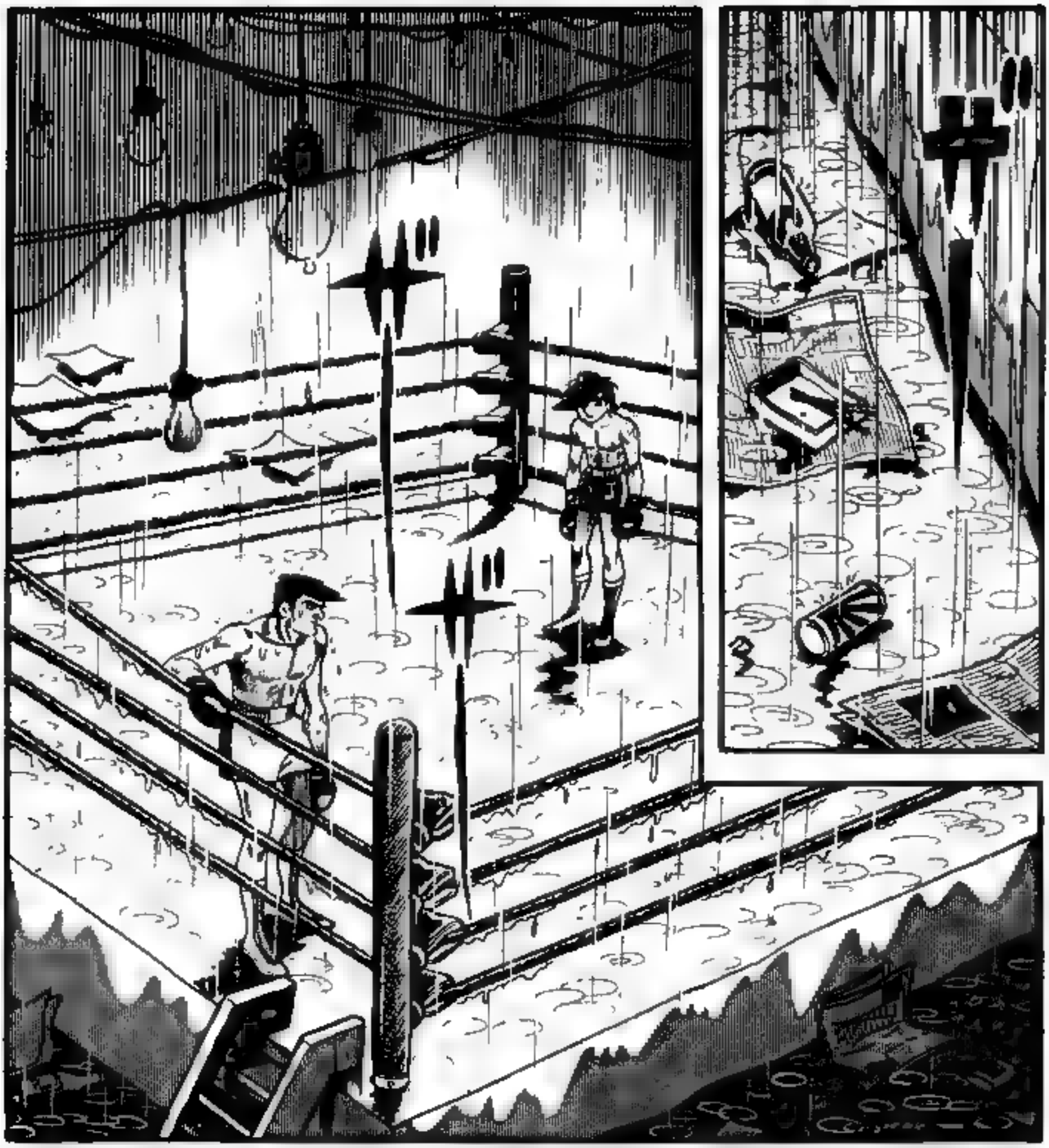
NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO STAND AROUND FOR SOME BOXING MATCH!

H-HOLY CRAP, THIS AIN'T NO ORDINARY STORM!

I GOTTA GET HOME!

W-WAIT FOR ME!

AGHHH!



LOOKS LIKE THINGS ENDED WITHOUT A FIXED-FIGHT, JUST LIKE YOU WANTED...
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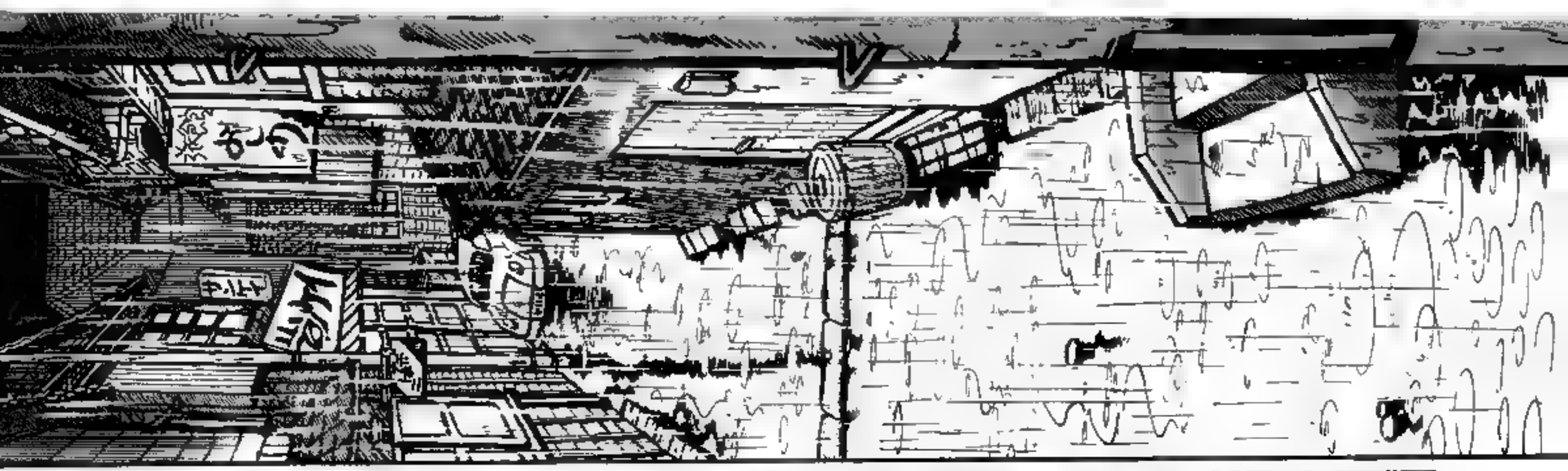

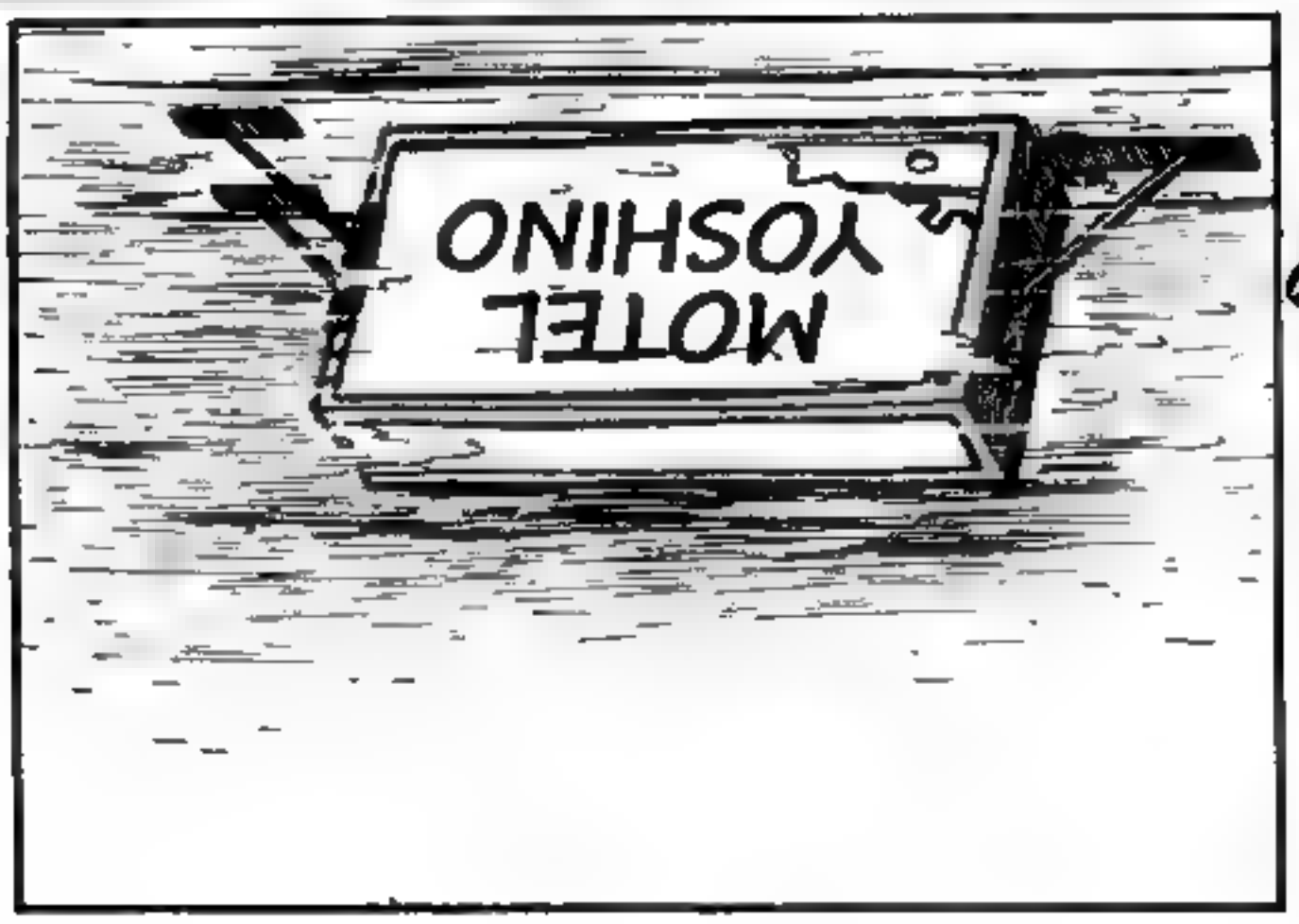
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ALL THIS WIND'S MAKING THIS ROOM CHILLY.

IT'S NOT MY BUSINESS IF YOU LIKE DOING LAUNDRY BUT COULD YOU SHUT THE DOOR ALREADY?

HEY,

HAH.
HEH HEH.
SHUT THE DOOR ALREADY, WILL YA?
YEAH!
MIGHT AS WELL SEE WHAT'S ON TV.
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MAN, I'M BORED.

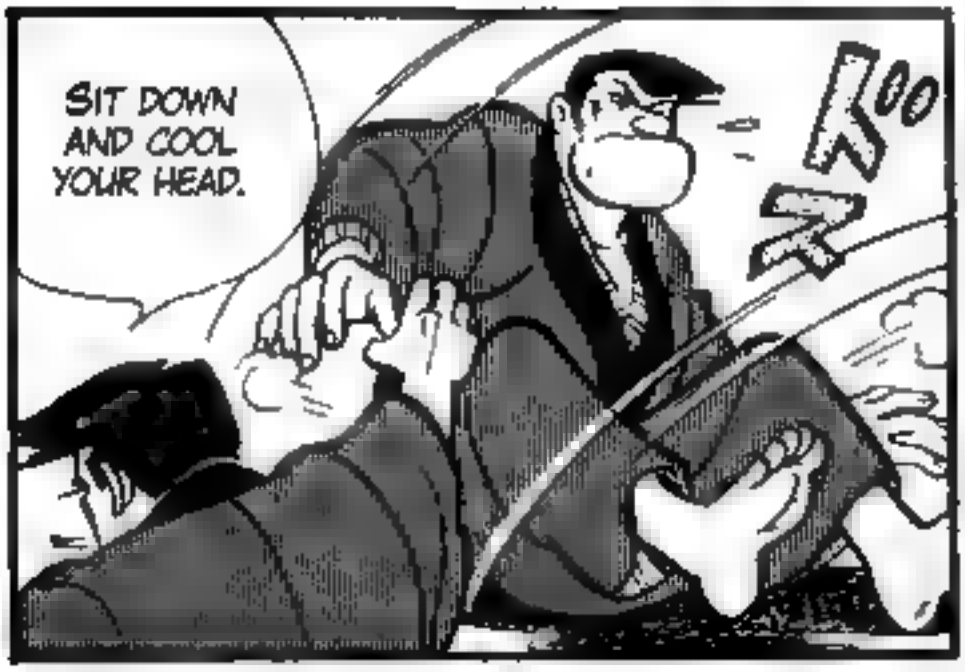
HEY, SHUFFLE THOSE TILES!
BUT NOW LOOK AT US. WANDERING FROM PLACE TO PLACE ALL JUST TO FIGHT ON SOME DIRTY RING...!
YEAH, I REMEMBER THE GOOD OL' DAYS WHEN I WAS IN THE SPOTLIGHT WITH THE WHOLE STADIUM'S ATTENTION...
OUT OF ALL THE THINGS THAT COULD BE ON TV...
UGH,

DON'T TOUCH THE DIAL. I WANT TO WATCH IT.

EASY THERE, BOY.

YOU-
WHA!

YOU MIND MOVING?
YOUR HEAD'S IN THE WAY.


SIT DOWN AND COOL YOUR HEAD.
KOO

LET GO OF ME, INABA!
JUST LET HIM WATCH WHAT HE WANTS...

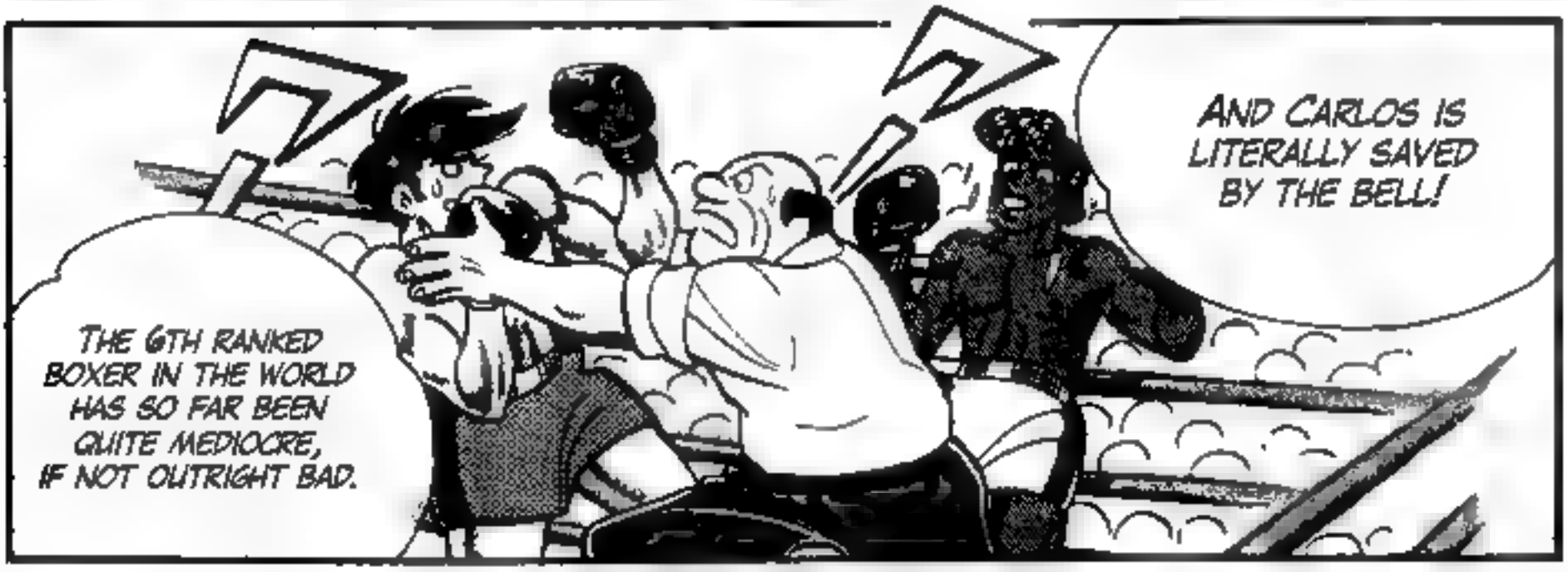
GOT IT...
RIGHT,

FEEL FREE TO WATCH THE FIGHT BUT JUST SHUT THE DOOR BEHIND YOU.

IS THAT SO?
HA.

YOU'VE GOTTEN SOFT, INABA...

CARLOS IS PUSHED BACK TO THE ROPES AGAIN!
NANGOU ATTACKS!
WHAT A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR NANGOU!


THE 6TH RANKED BOXER IN THE WORLD HAS SO FAR BEEN QUITE MEDIOCRE, IF NOT OUTRIGHT BAD.
AND CARLOS IS LITERALLY SAVED BY THE BELL!

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NANGOU CONFIDENTLY RUSHES FORWARD.

AND IT'S THE START OF THE 9TH ROUND, FOLKS.

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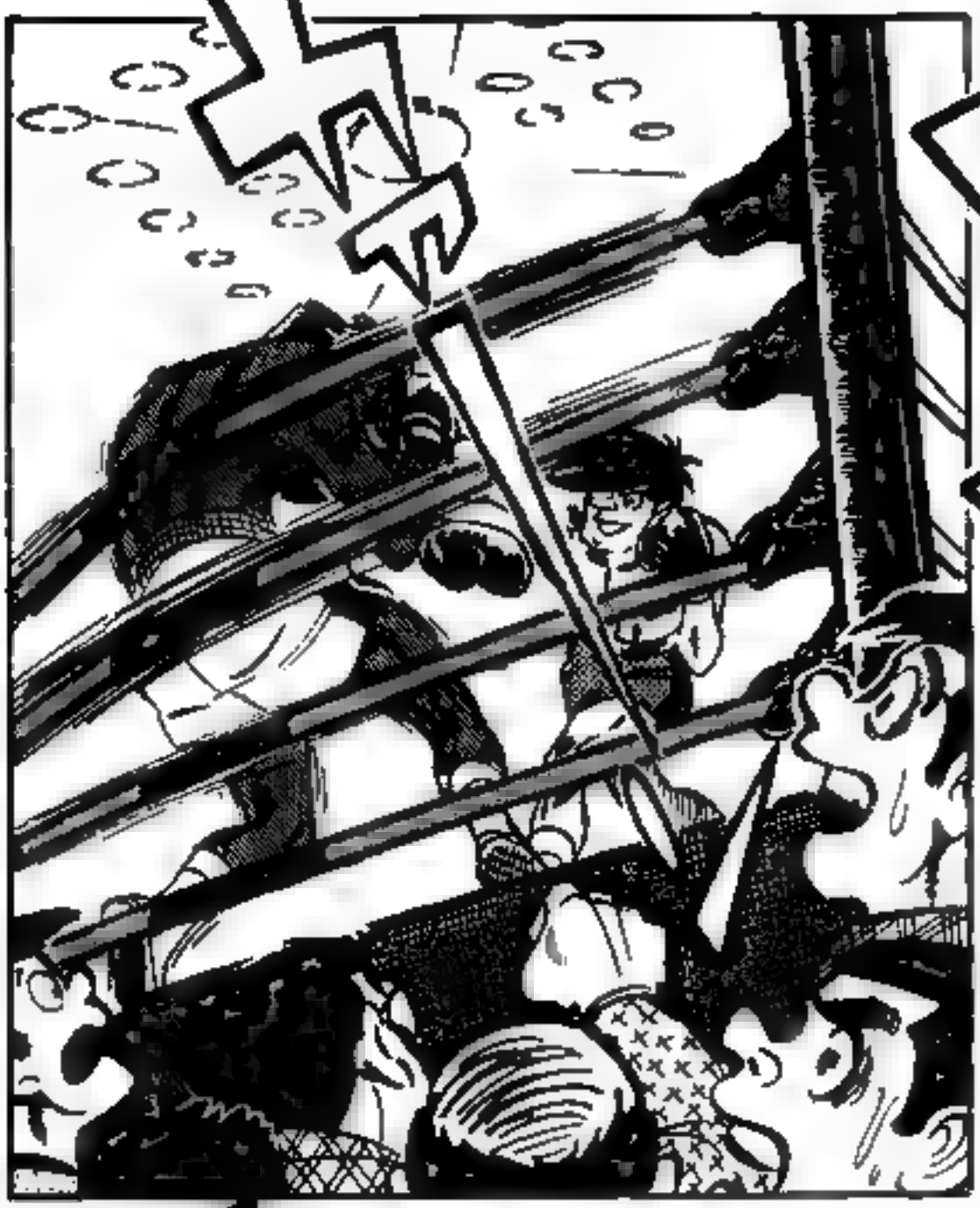
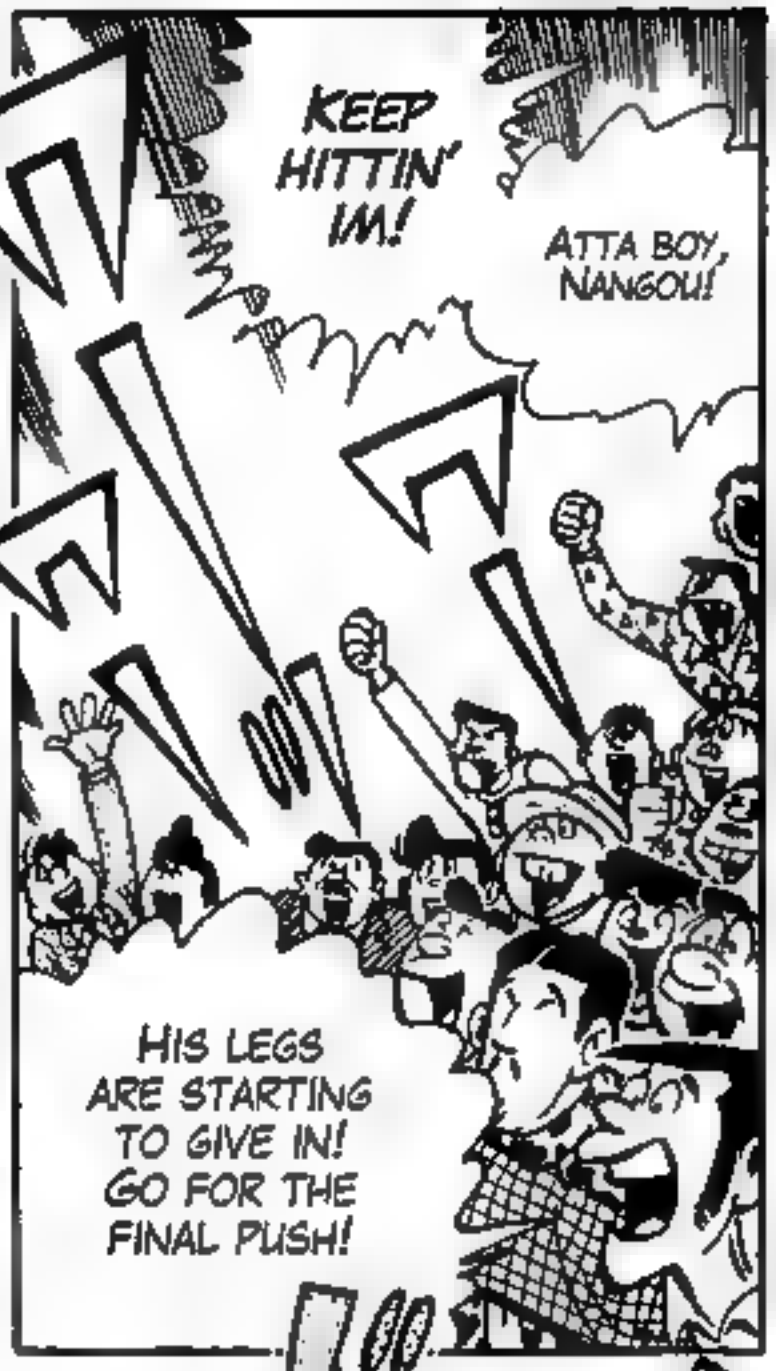
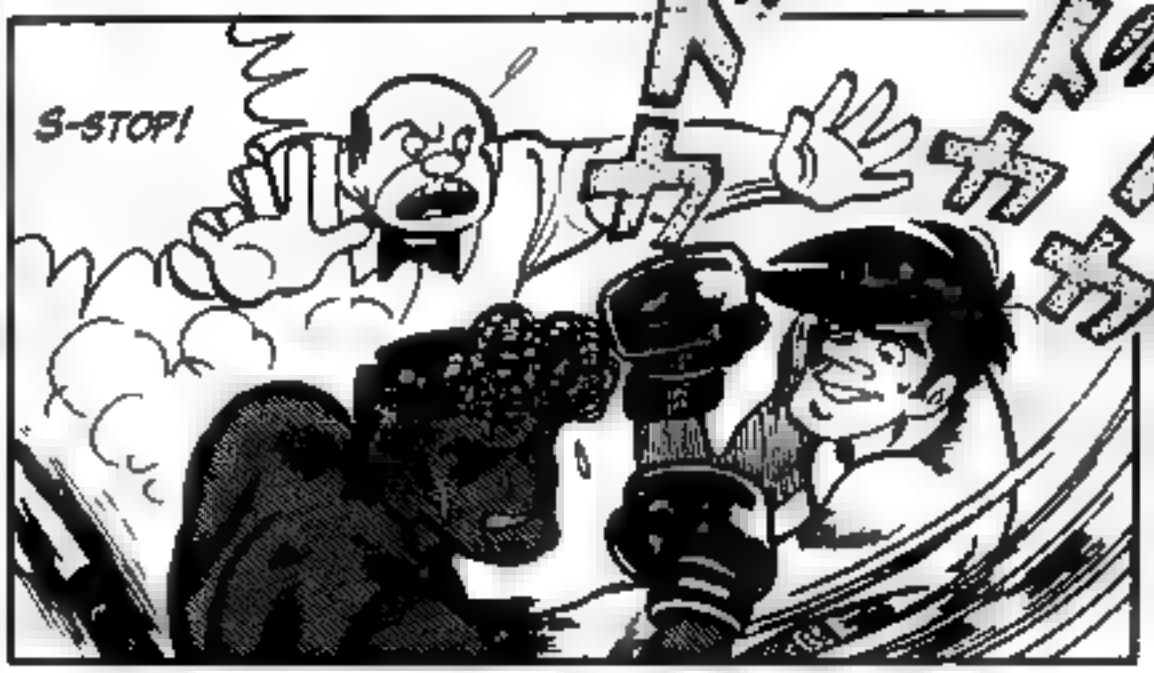
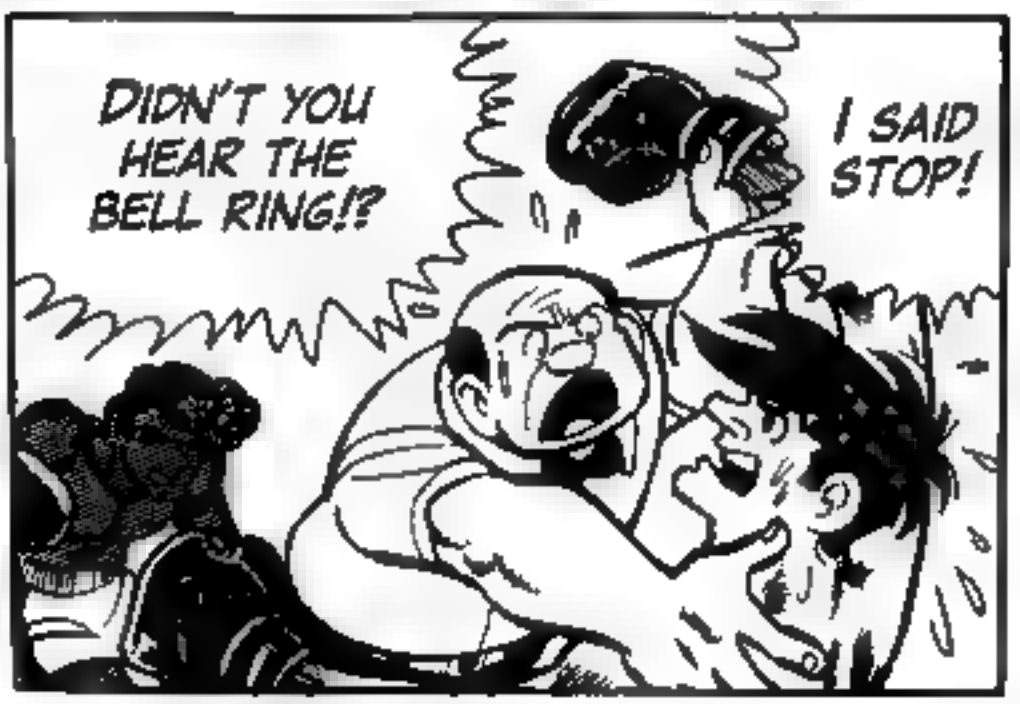
AT THIS RATE, THAT LITTLE BRAT CALLED NANGOU'S GONNA BE WORLD-FAMOUS JUST BECAUSE HE BEAT SOME SHITTY BOXER.
THE HELL IS THIS?
WHAT A JOKE!




KEEP HITTIN' IM!
ATTA BOY, NANGOU!
HIS LEGS ARE STARTING TO GIVE IN! GO FOR THE FINAL PUSH!


S-STOP!

NICE ONE!


DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE BELL RING!?
I SAID STOP!

CARLOS! OH DEAR GOD, MY CARLOS!

HEH HEH...

ABSOLUTELY SPLENDID!

WELL DONE, NANGOU!

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JUST 3 MINUTES LEFT AND YOU'LL BE IN THE BIG LEAGUES! YOU! A WORLD-RANKING BOXER!

J-JUST 3 MINUTES LEFT!

THERE'S NO POSSIBLE WAY HE CAN COME BACK UNLESS HE MANAGES TO KNOCK YOU OUT.

YOU'RE CLEARLY WAAAAY AHEAD OF HIM IN POINTS.

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RO-BERT...

3"

HE IS STILL THE 6TH RANKED BOXER IN THE WORLD SO DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.

THAT BEING SAID,

YOU NEVER KNOW IF HE MIGHT GET ONE LUCKY PUNCH IN THAT SEALS THE DEAL.

THE BELL WILL RING ANYTIME NOW, SIGNALLING THE START OF THE 10TH ROUND!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

HEH HEH.

OKAY... LET'S DO THIS, CARLOS.

AN ENTRY TO THE WORLD-RANKINGS IS LITERALLY AHEAD OF NANGOU BY ONLY 3 MINUTES!

AND AS WE HEAD INTO THE FINAL ROUND, THERE IS A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN POINTS FOR THE TWO FIGHTERS.

YES, WHAT AN UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS...

I'D BE THINKING ABOUT OUR CELEBRATION PAR-

HEH HEH, DON'T WORRY. IN FACT, IF I WERE YOU,

ALRIGHT, GET BACK OUT THERE, CHAMP. REMEMBER, DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.

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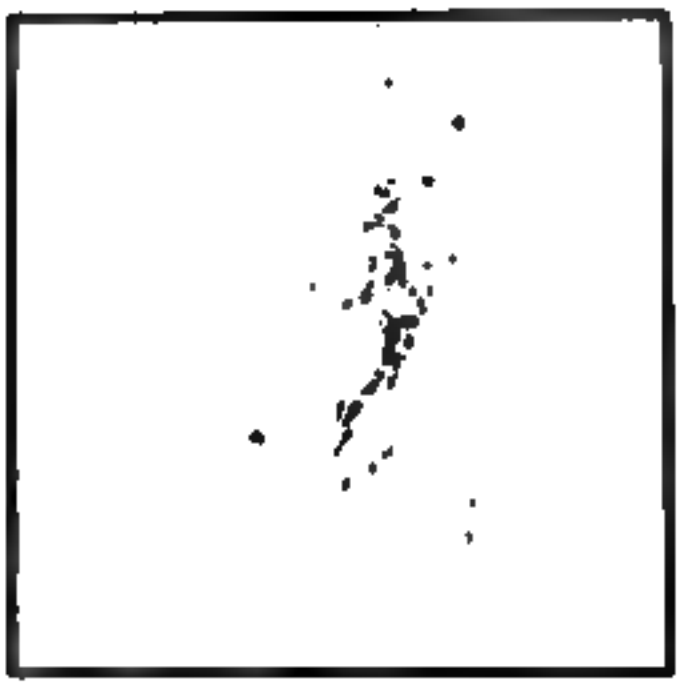

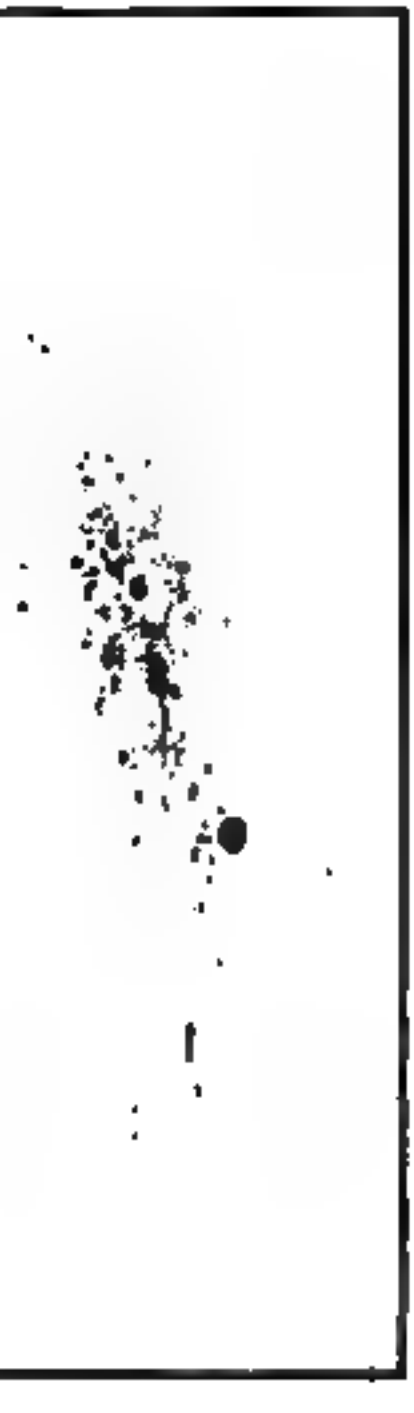

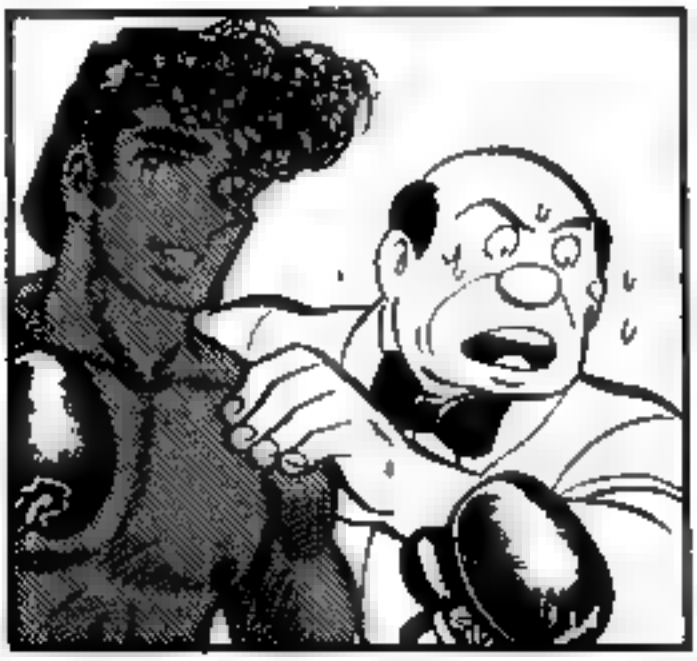

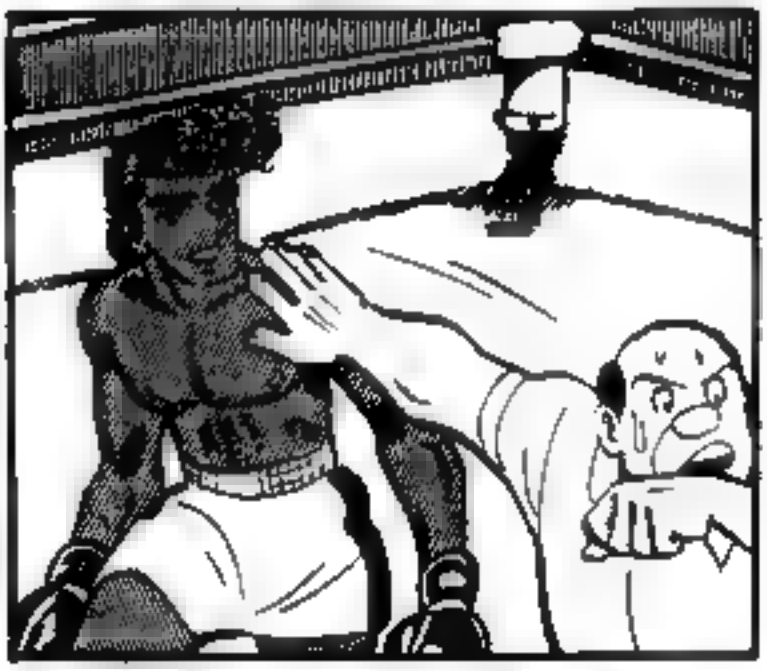

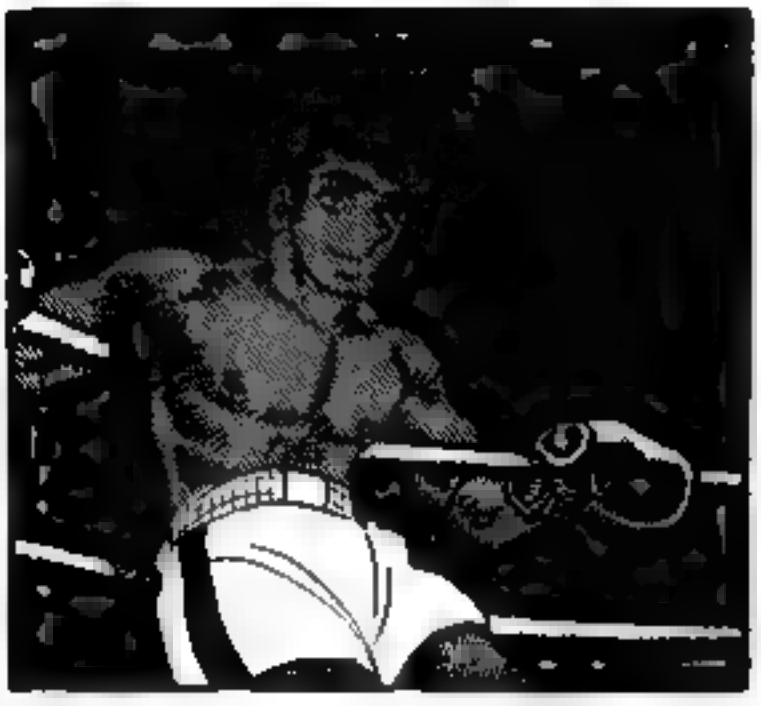

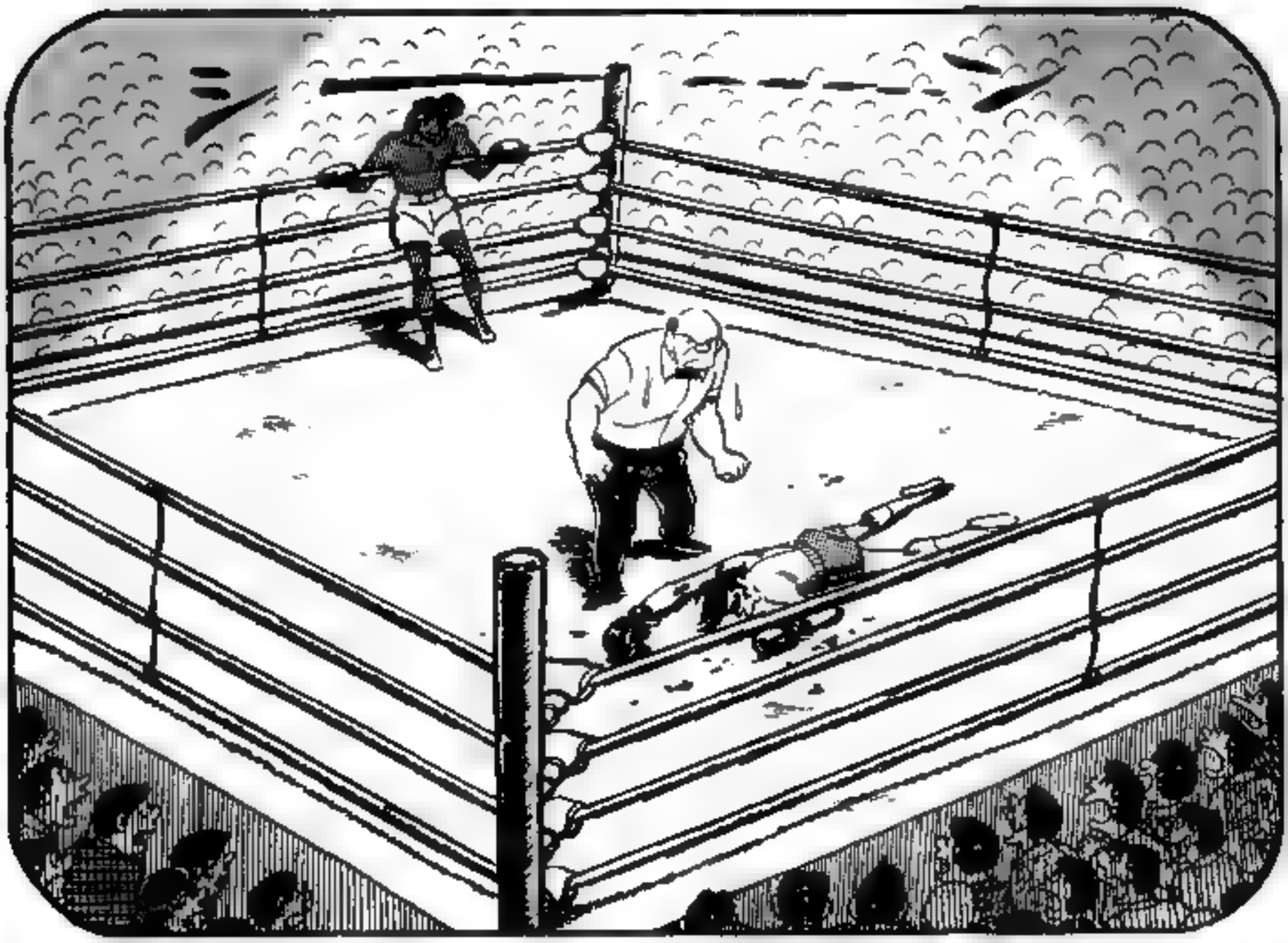

A... COME-BACK THAT...
NOBODY IMAGINED HAS JUST HAPPENED...
THE BELL RANG WHILE NANGOU WAS STILL CHEERFULLY TALKING TO HIS SECONDS AS IF HE HAD ALREADY WON THE MATCH, AND DURING THAT MOMENT-

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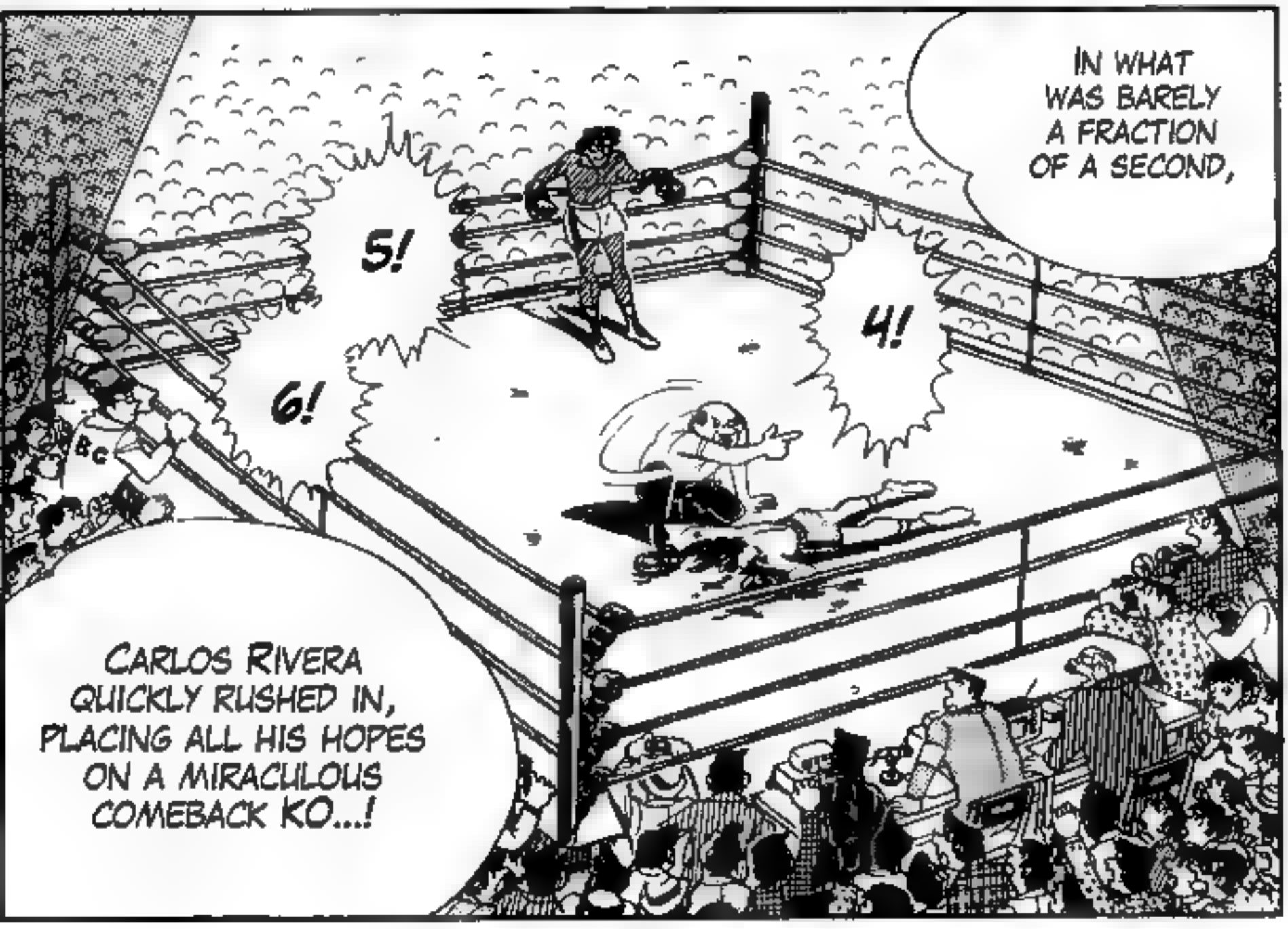
IN WHAT WAS BARELY A FRACTION OF A SECOND,
5!
4!
6!
CARLOS RIVERA QUICKLY RUSHED IN, PLACING ALL HIS HOPES ON A MIRACULOUS COMEBACK KO...!

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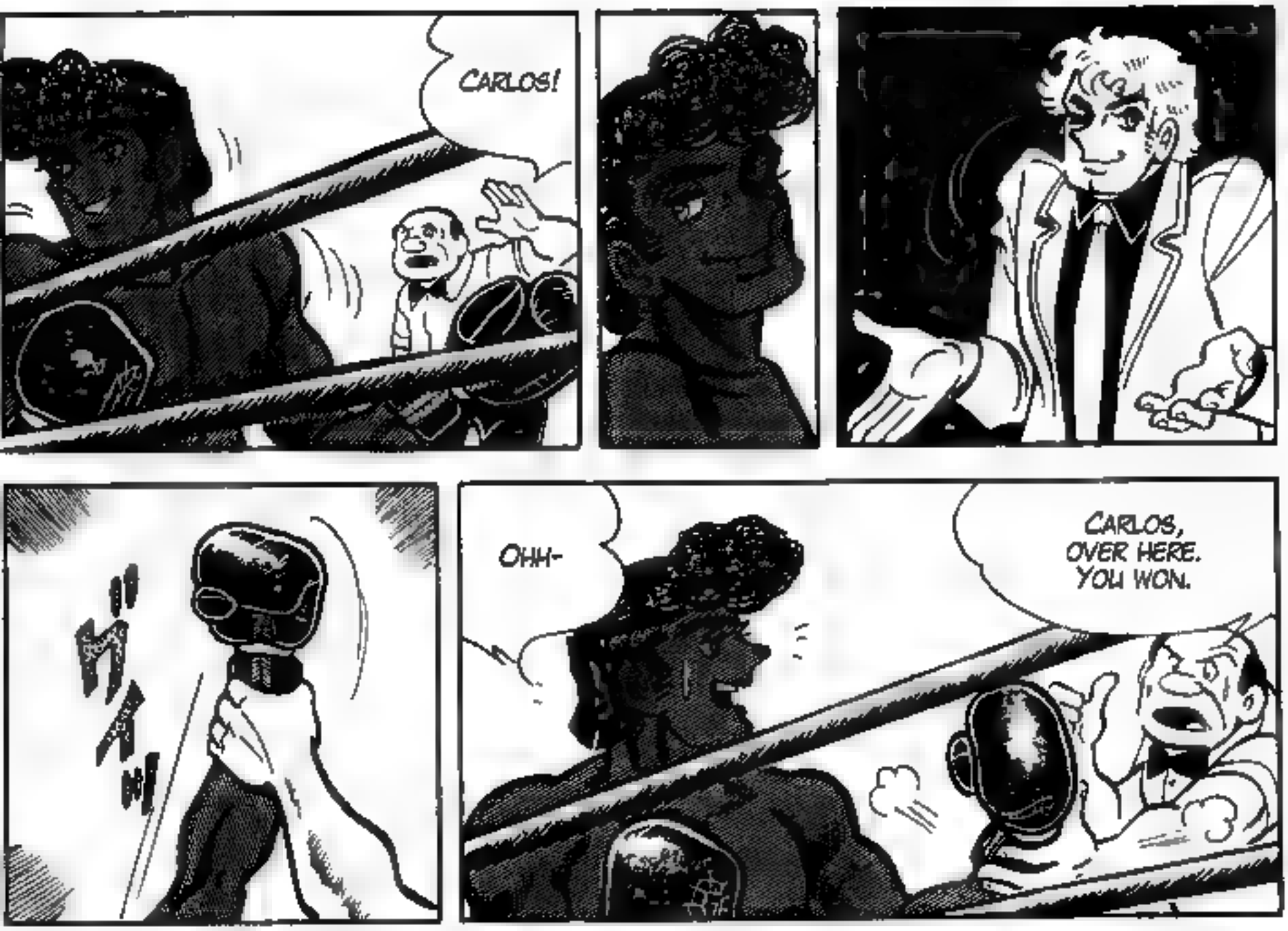
T...
NANGOU HAS YET TO STAND BACK UP...
HE'S STILL NOT SHOWING EVEN THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF REGAINING CONSCIOUSNESS.
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU...
THE REFEREE HAS STOPPED COUNTING DOWN AND HAS NOW CALLED FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION.
CALL A DOCTOR!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO LET YOUR GUARD DOWN...
AFTER COMING SO CLOSE... SO, SO VERY CLOSE..


CARLOS!
OHH-
CARLOS, OVER HERE. YOU WON.
MY LUCKY PUNCH SAVED THE DAY!
OH MY GOD! I WON!
I BE LUCKIEST MAN IN WORLD! THANK YOU SO MUCH EVERYBODY!
WAKE UP, NANGOU!
N- NANGOU...

WELL DONE, PLAYBOY!

NICE COMEBACK!

YOU'RE THE BEST!

I LIKE THAT DRIVE OF YOURS TO NOT GIVE UP UNTIL THE VERY END!

HAHA. THOSE TWO REALLY DO KNOW HOW TO PUT ON A SHOW...

AND THAT FINISH WAS...

HIS VICTORY LOOKED ALL BUT GUARANTEED BUT HIS CARELESS BLUNDER COSTS HIM THE MATCH!

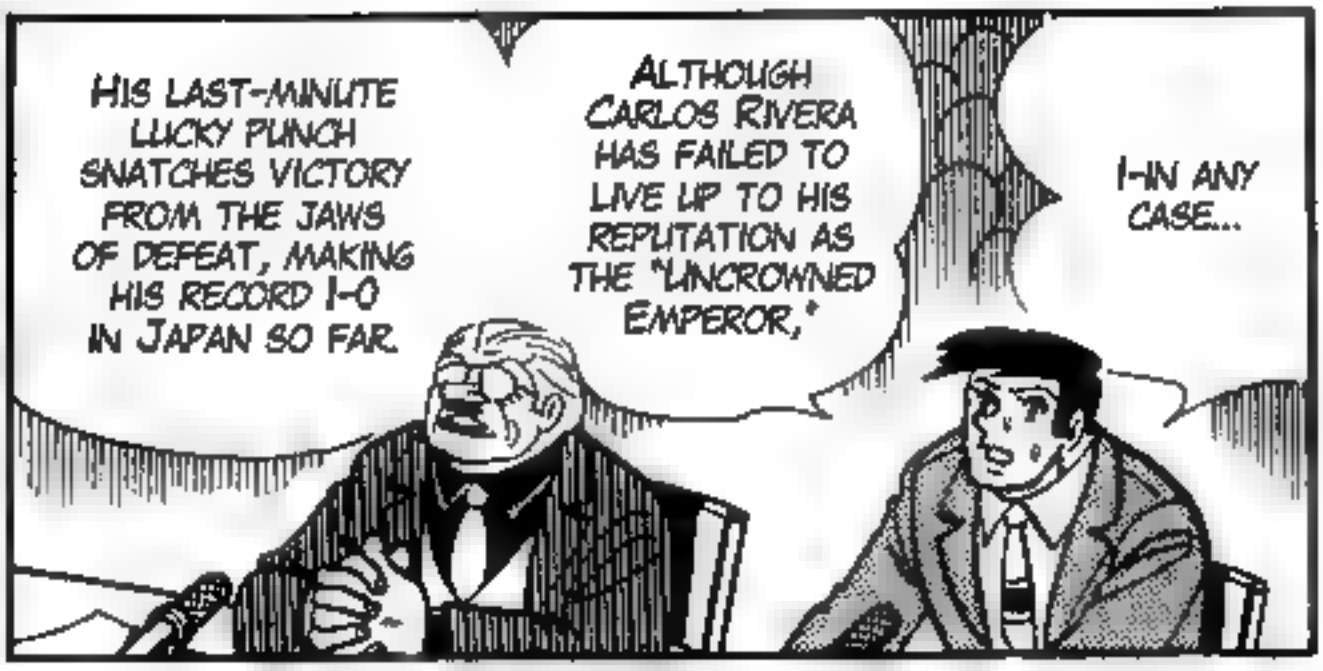
NANGOU IS DEFEATED!

MEANWHILE, CARLOS LOOKS ECSTATIC! AND SO DOES HIS MANAGER ROBERT WHO IS HUGGING HIM IN PURE JOY RIGHT NOW.

HE REALLY COULD NOT LOOK ANY HAPPIER!

REALLY SOMETHING...!

RETURNING BACK TO THE OTHER CORNER...


HIS LAST-MINUTE LUCKY PUNCH SNATCHES VICTORY FROM THE JAWS OF DEFEAT, MAKING HIS RECORD 1-0 IN JAPAN SO FAR.
ALTHOUGH CARLOS RIVERA HAS FAILED TO LIVE UP TO HIS REPUTATION AS THE "UNCROWNED EMPEROR,"
I-IN ANY CASE...

WHOA.

I'M SURE NANGOU'S SECONDS ARE STUNNED BEYOND BELIEF.
YOU JUST KNOW THIS IS A LOSS THEY'RE GOING TO REGRET FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES.

WELL, THAT'S HOW THE COOKIE CRUMBLES!

POOR SAP...
DAMN.

CAN'T EXPECT THINGS TO GO SMOOTHLY LIKE IT DOES IN COMICS, HAHAHA!

REALITY'S A BITCH, AIN'T IT!

YEAH.

AM I RIGHT!?

YOU CAN'T JUST EXPECT TO BECOME A WORLD-RANKER THAT EASILY,

HEY, HOW ABOUT A GAME OF SHOGI?

SINCE WE STILL HAVE SOME TIME LEFT BEFORE THE END OF THIS BROADCAST, LET US NOW TURN TO RIVERA AND HIS MANAGER ROBERT FOR THEIR COMMENTS..

HOW ABOUT NO?

ALRIGHT, LET'S CONTINUE PLAYING!

SHOGI? WHAT'RE YOU, AN OLD MAN? LET'S PLAY SOME CEE-LO!

LET'S SEE, THE HITLIST SONGS ARE ON CHANNEL...

THE FIGHT'S OVER ALREADY SO I'M CHANGIN' THE CHANNEL.

HOW LONG ARE YA PLANNING TO WATCH THIS CRAP?

HEY,

YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST HOG THE TV ALL TO YOURS-

WHAT!?

SORRY BUT WAIT JUST A LIL' LONGER.

W-W-W-WHAT?

AHAHA... HAHAHA...

B-B-BUT YEAH, IT'S NICE TO UMM... WATCH WHAT YOU WANT.

I THOUGHT FIGHT ALMOST OVER AND I GONNA LOSE BUT I WIN. THAT'S WHY, I... SO VERY, VERY, HAPPY NOW.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

FIRST, I'D LIKE TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS, MR. RIVERA.

YOU TOOK YOUR TIME,

THAT KO FINISH WAS NO FLUKE.

YOU WEREN'T LUCKY...

BULLSHIT..

THAT'S WHY I HAPPY.

BUT I SO VERY LUCKY TONIGHT.

IT'S NO WONDER HE WAS KNOCKED OUT COLD...

COUNTING THAT ELBOW-HIT, NANGOU TOOK A TOTAL OF 4 BLOWS IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.

NOT ONLY THAT, YOU SLIPPED IN AN ELBOW TO HIS FACE RIGHT WHERE YOU JUST PUNCHED HIM DURING YOUR FOLLOW-THROUGH, AS IF IT WERE AN ACCIDENT...

CONFIRMED YOUR TARGET AND LANDED YOUR PUNCHES AS IF IT WERE THE EASIEST THING YOU'VE DONE...

HE CLEARLY SLIPPED IN AN ILLEGAL ELBOW-BLOW JUST NOW!

WHY DOESN'T ANYBODY ELSE SAY SOMETHING!?

BEATS ME.

WHAT'S HE MUTTERING OVER THERE ABOUT?

HUH?

YOU'RE GIVING US A HEART-ATTACK OVER HERE, AM I RIGHT GUYS!?

W-W-WHAT'S HE SUDDENLY SPAZZING OUT ABOUT?

ARE YOU SAYING NONE OF YOU CAUGHT IT EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE ALL STARING AT THE TV!?

WELL!?

DID YOU NOT SEE IT!?

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD, MANAGER ROBERT?

HA HA.

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HA! THAT'S SOME DELUDED PARANOIA YOU'RE FEEDING THERE.

WHAT, SO YOU THINK THEY'RE PLAYING AS DIRTY AS WE DO IN OUR FIXED FIGHTS?

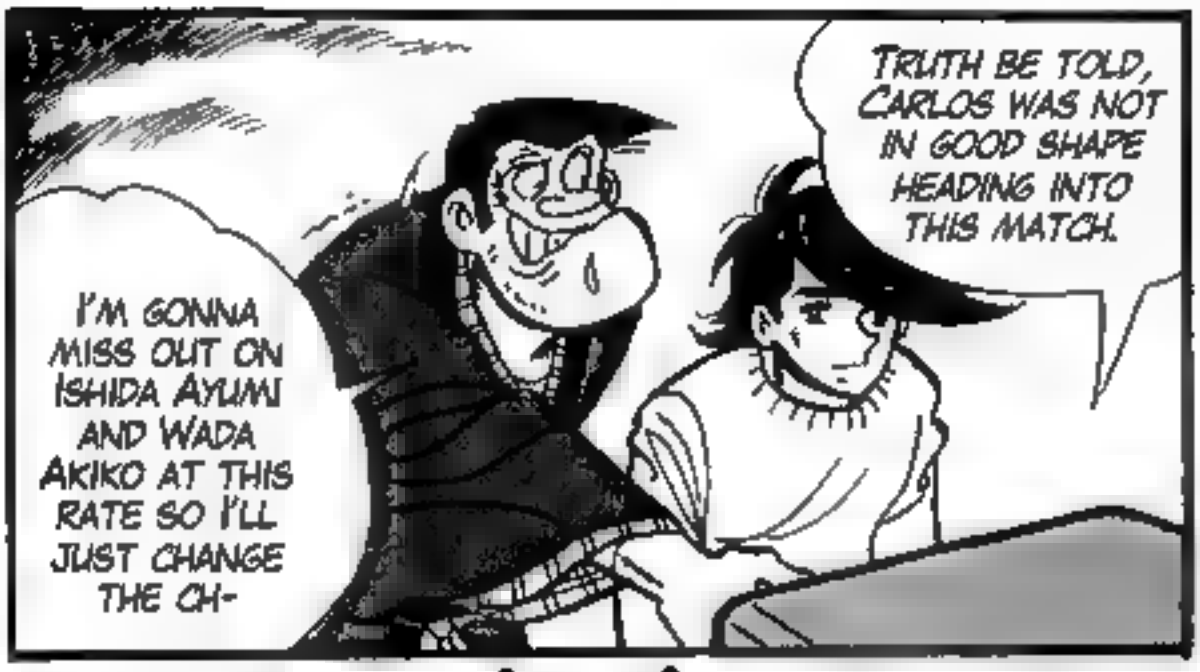
JUST DROP IT ALREADY!

THEY OBVIOUSLY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME FOR BOTH THE REPLAYS AND ALL THE POST-GAME INTERVIEWS.

CARLOS MIGHT BE HAPPY RIGHT NOW BUT AS HIS MANAGER, THAT MATCH WAS EXTREMELY STRESSFUL.

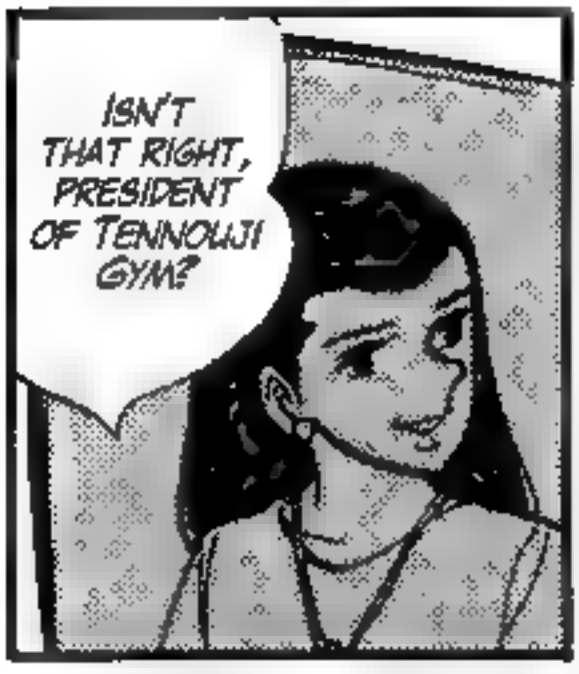
IF THEY SHOWED THE SLOW-MO REPLAY, EVEN AMATEURS COULD SEE THAT IT WAS AN ILLEGAL BLOW!

W-WHY AREN'T THEY SHOWING THE REPLAY?


I'M GONNA MISS OUT ON ISHIDA AYUMI AND WADA AKIKO AT THIS RATE SO I'LL JUST CHANGE THE CH-
TRUTH BE TOLD, CARLOS WAS NOT IN GOOD SHAPE HEADING INTO THIS MATCH.

GAAAAHHHH!

PERSONALLY, I FEEL LIKE RETURNING QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BACK HOME IF OUR PROMOTER MS. YOUKO WOULD ALLOW SO.


ISN'T THAT RIGHT, PRESIDENT OF TENNOUJI GYM?

I JUST FINISHED SIGNING A DEAL TO PIT RIVERA AGAINST HARAJIMA, YOU KNOW.
PLEASE DON'T BE LIKE THAT, ROBERT.

SURE THAT FIGHT MIGHT'VE ENDED WITH A LUCKY PUNCH BUT YOU SAW FOR YOURSELF THE GRUESOME STATE NANGOU WAS REDUCED TO...

THAT'S QUITE A GUTSY DECISION, SIR.

I DON'T MEAN TO SOUND ARROGANT, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT MY HARAJIMA IS A HIGHER-RANKED BOXER THAN NANGOU.

WHAT!?

HAHA... YES, THAT'S THE GIST OF IT.

OF COURSE, THERE'S ALSO THE ADDED BONUS THAT IF HARAJIMA CAN JUST AVOID A LUCKY PUNCH LIKE THE ONE TONIGHT, HE'LL BECOME A WORLD-RANKED BOXER! HAHAHA!

THAT BEING SAID, I DIDN'T JUST ACCEPT THE OFFER BECAUSE OF THE RANKING DIFFERENCE. I BELIEVE THE MATCH TONIGHT WILL BE QUITE THE CRITICAL REFERENCE MATERIAL TO PREPARE MY FIGHTER FOR RIVERA.

OH NO... THIS IS VERY, VERY BAD...!

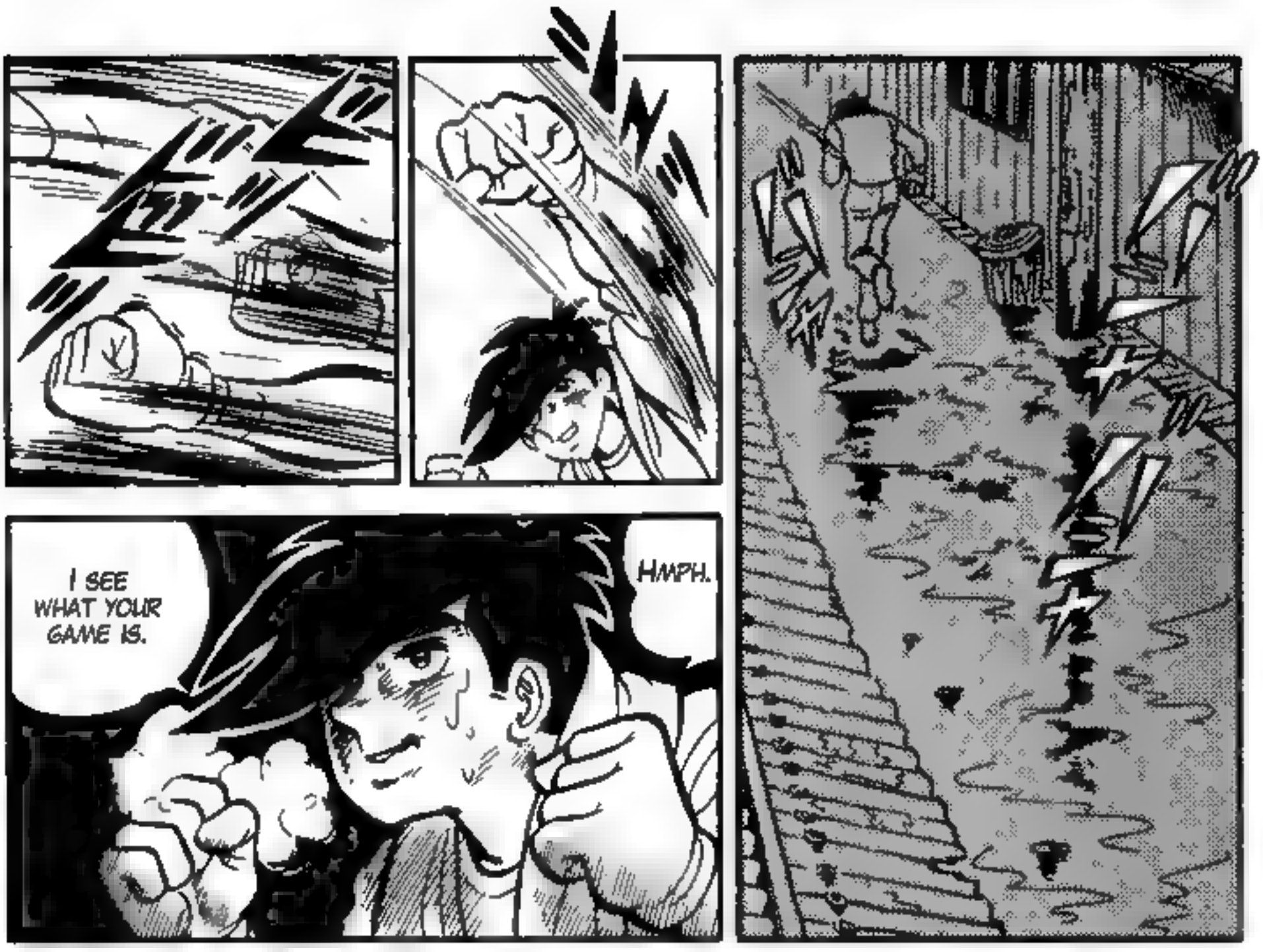
YAWWN.
OH, SO YOUKO'S IN ON IT TOO.
I SEE HOW IT IS NOW.
SORRY ABOUT THAT. I'M DONE WITH THE TV NOW SO GO AHEAD.
Y-YOU SON OF A...

AH...

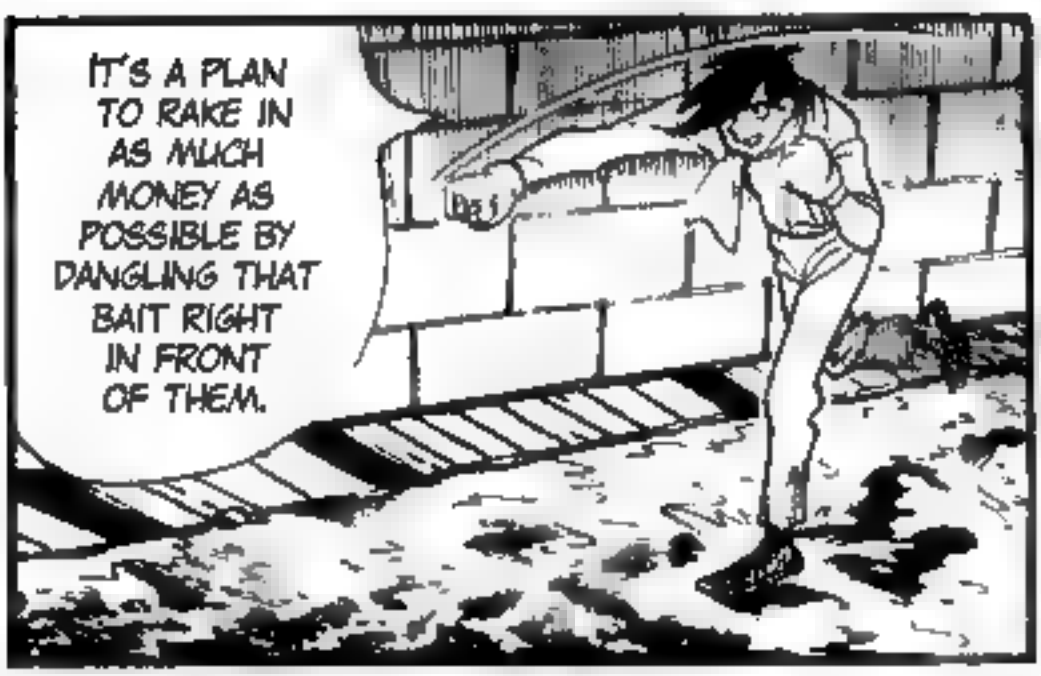
THE RAIN'S STOPPED, HAS IT NOW?

BUT I THINK I'LL GO OUT FOR A WALK.

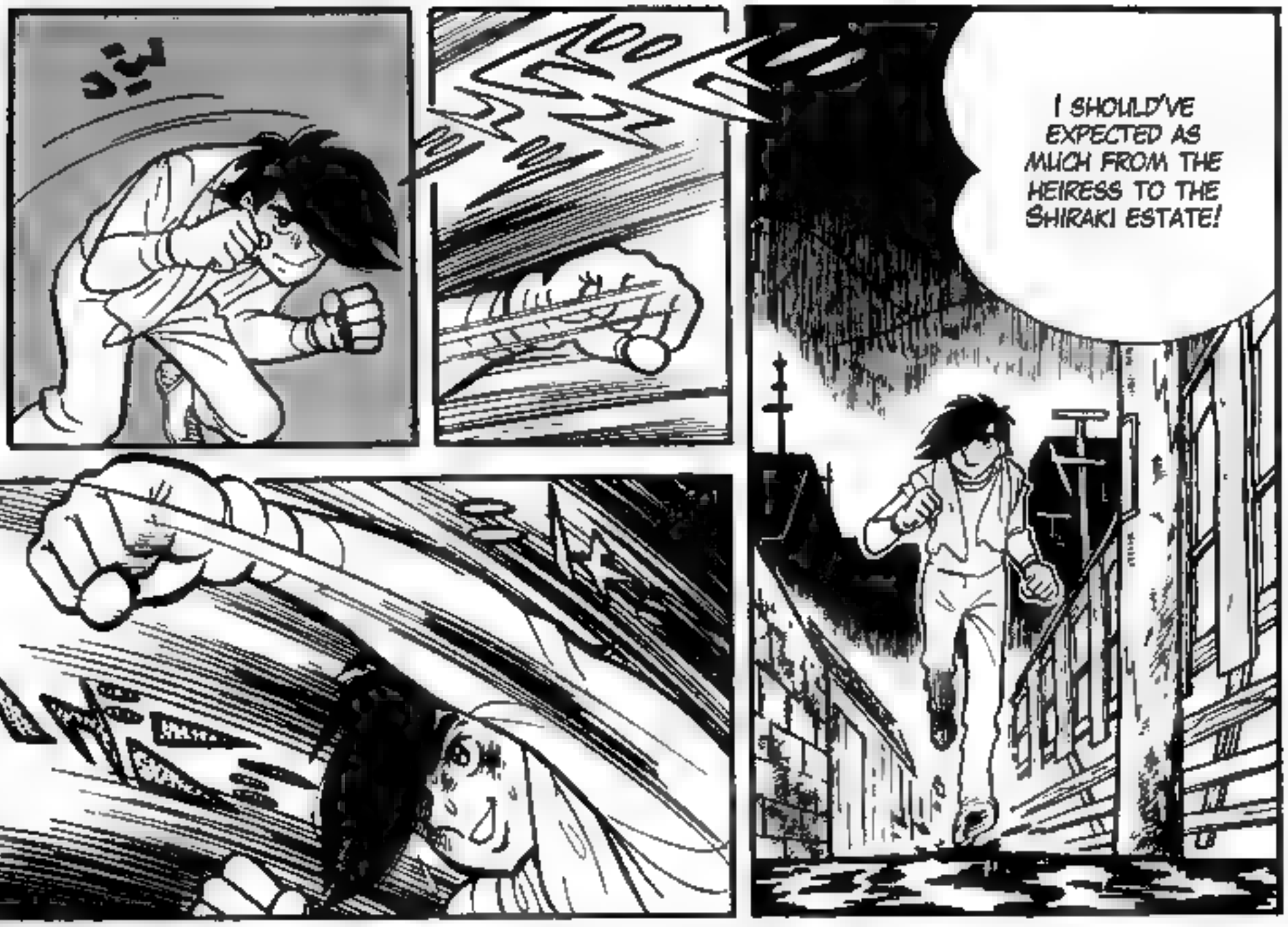
MIGHT BE A LITTLE MUDDY OUTSIDE,


I SEE WHAT YOUR GAME IS.
HMPH.

NOBODY WOULD WANT TO CHALLENGE HIM ANYMORE, DESPITE ALL THE MONEY YOU SPENT IN CALLING HIM ALL THE WAY OUT HERE TO JAPAN.
AND SO YOU FEED TO POTENTIAL CHALLENGERS LIES SUCH AS,
IF THAT CARLOS GOES FULL OUT AND WINS THE FIGHT TOO QUICKLY,
IN SHORT,


IT'S A PLAN TO RAKE IN AS MUCH MONEY AS POSSIBLE BY DANGLING THAT BAIT RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM.

"THE CHALLENGER CAME SO CLOSE TO BECOMING A WORLD-RANKED BOXER..."
"HE WAS LUCKY... IT WAS A LUCKY PUNCH..."


I SHOULD'VE EXPECTED AS MUCH FROM THE HEIRESS TO THE SHIRAKI ESTATE!

IS HIS NEXT OPPONENT ...
HARAJIMA,
HUFF
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BUT EVEN SO...
HUFF
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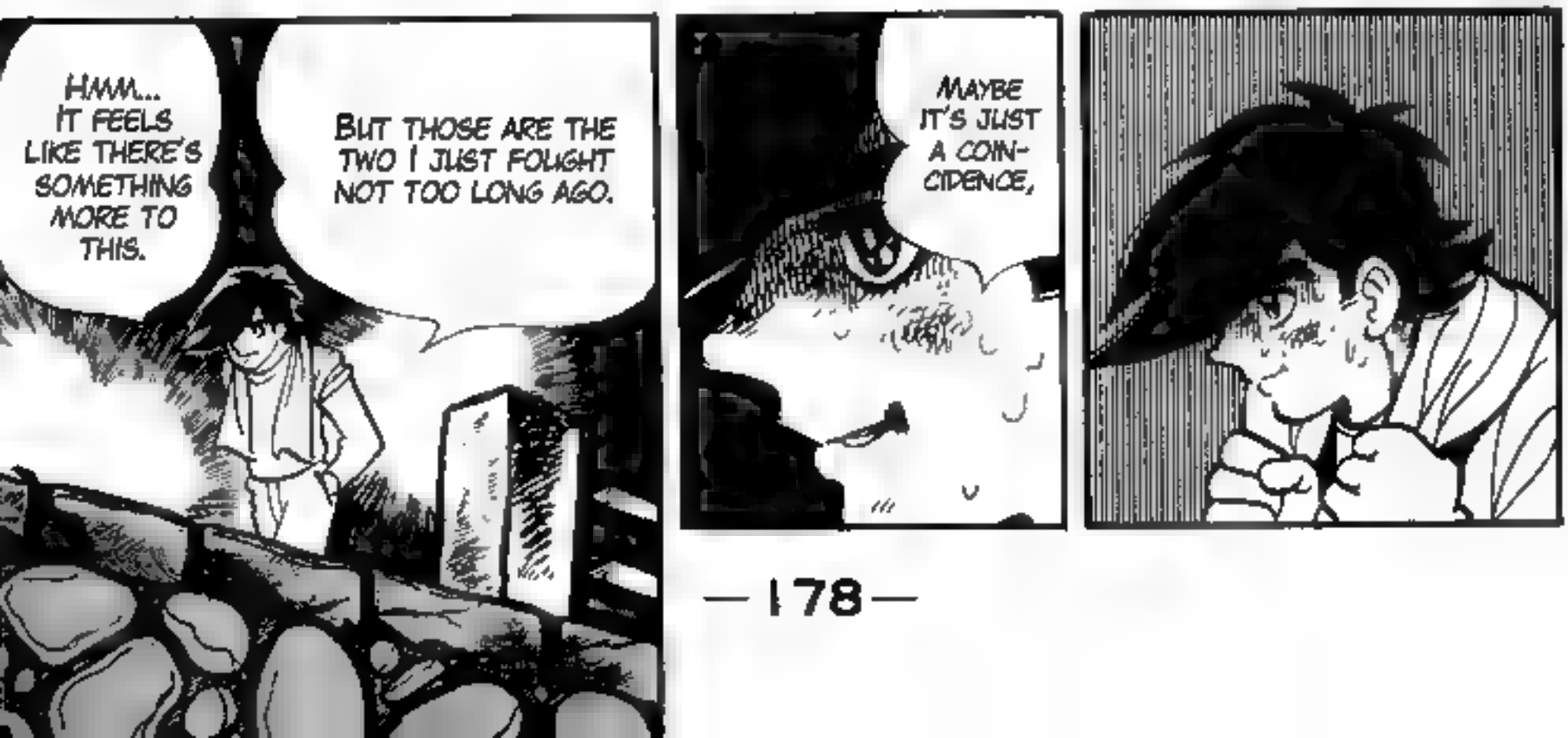
HMM... IT FEELS LIKE THERE'S SOMETHING MORE TO THIS.
BUT THOSE ARE THE TWO I JUST FOUGHT NOT TOO LONG AGO.
MAYBE IT'S JUST A COIN-CIDENCE,

I WONDER JUST HOW MUCH OF THE CARLOS I SAW TONIGHT WAS THE REAL HIM AND HOW MUCH WAS ALL AN ACT...

NOT ONLY THAT,

THEN... HIS TRUE SKILLS WOULD BE...

BUT IF HE'S SKILLED ENOUGH TO PULL OFF SOMETHING LIKE THAT OUT ON THE RISKY RING, WHERE BOXERS CAN OFTEN UNEXPECTEDLY LOSE THEIR LIVES,

THEY'D BE OF AN UNIMAGINABLE SCALE...

THE BUS WAS SCHEDULED TO PICKED US UP BY NOW BUT...

SORRY, SORRY.

HOW LONG ARE YA PLANNIN' ON MAKING US WAIT HERE IN THIS DUMP!?

YO, MR. KOUNO!

CHEAP SON OF A...

HMPH... WOULD IT KILL YA TO AFFORD A TAXI OR A HIRED DRIVER ONCE IN A WHILE?

WE'VE GOT A MATCH AT 2, IN THE PUBLIC HALL OF THE NEXT TOWN OVER!

GET IN THE BUS 'CAUSE WE'RE ON A TIGHT SCHEDULE TODAY!

ANOTHER JOB AS SOON AS WE GET OFF?

AH, IT'S HERE!

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW LATE YOU ARE!?

NOW HURRY, WE HAVEN'T GOT MUCH TIME!

LIVEN UP, I'LL TREAT YOU ALL TO A DRINK TONIGHT!

WE AIN'T YOUR PERSONAL FIGHTIN' DOGS OR ROOSTERS, YOU KNOW!

ALL HE EVER THINKS ABOUT IS HOW TO MAKE MONEY OFF OF US...

THE BUS IS HERE!
HELLO? EARTH TO YABUKI!
HOW LONG ARE YA PLANNIN' ON SITTING THERE?
HEY...
POINT OUT THAT, UHH, THE BUS IS HERE...
I, UMM, JUST WANTED TO...
W-WHA...
AHH!

WHA!

HUH?

LET'S GO, DRIVER.

I'M SORRY, I SHOULDN'T HAVE...

S-STOP THAT BUS RIGHT NOW! THIS ISN'T FUNNY!

JUST LET ME ON THE BUS ALREADY! HEY!

HAHA!

HUFF HUFF

DAMN IT...

HEH HEH HEH...

WELL, I S'POSE SO...

ALRIGHT, KOI-KOI!

YOU'RE COMPLAINING ABOUT THIS NOW? HE'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT.

HE DOESN'T EVEN TRY TO LOOK AT OTHERS IN THE EYE...

WHAT IS *WITH* HIM?

AND MAKE SURE HE KEEPS HIS TWO EYES WIDE OPEN WHEN WE'RE AROUND, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN. RIGHT, GUYS!?

DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH 'BOUT HIM. WE'LL FIX THAT TEMPER OF HIS IN TIME,

HIS TEMPER'S A LOT SHORTER TOO...

BUT I FEEL LIKE HE'S GOTTEN WORSE THESE DAYS.

W-WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE HERE.

I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE AMONG OUR FIGHTERS NOW.

WHOA NOW...

LIKE I GIVE A DAMN IF HE HEARS! WHAT, YOU THINK I'M SCARED OF HIM!?

HEH HEH. STOP, HE'LL HEAR YOU.

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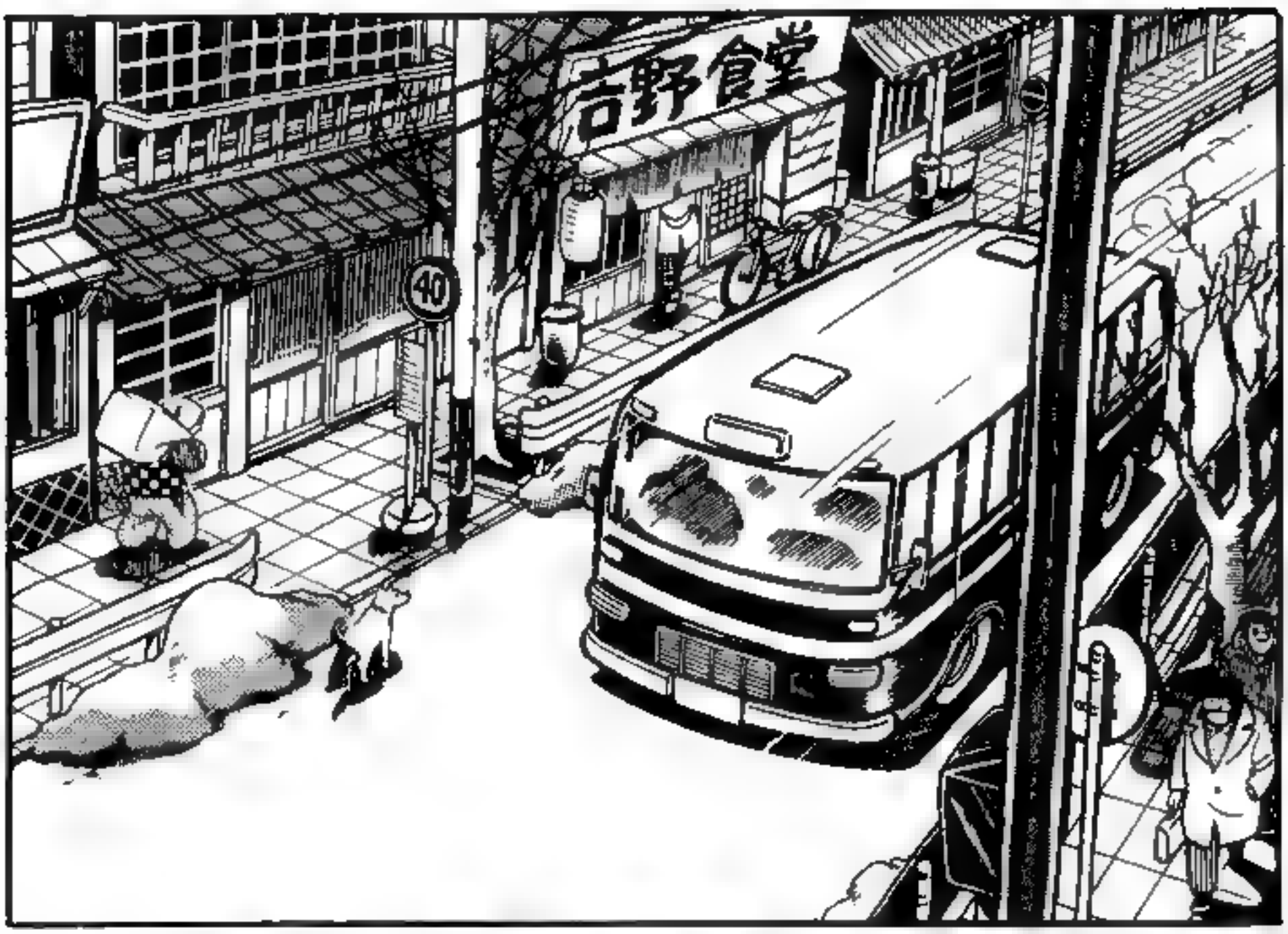
I GET ANGRY FOR NO GOOD REASON TOO...

WHY DO I FEEL SO IRRITATED RIGHT NOW...?

DAMN IT...



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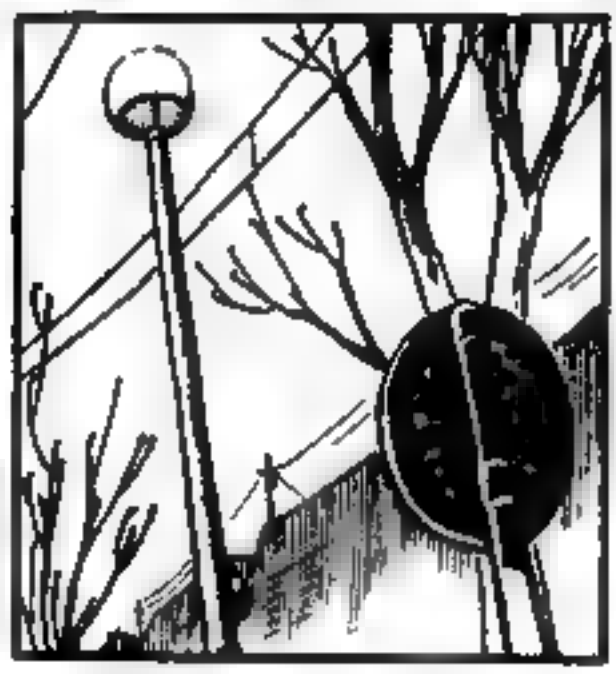

SINCE WATCHING THE FIGHT BETWEEN CARLOS AND NANGOU...

MY HEART CAN'T CALM DOWN AT ALL,

IT MUST BE BECAUSE OF LAST NIGHT'S MATCH.

DAMN IT!

EVEN WHEN I SLEEP, IT'S HACKING AWAY AT THE REST OF MY BODY...

HASN'T LEFT MY MIND FOR A SINGLE MOMENT.

THE THOUGHT OF CARLOS' UNIMAGINABLE SCALE,

HAVING A NIGHTMARE?

I CAN'T GET IT OUTTA MY MIND...!

WAKE UP, KIDDO. WE'RE ALREADY HERE. DON'T MAKE US HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF YOU ALL THE TIME NOW.

BLOOD WILL BE WASHED WITH BLOOD!

KNOCKOUT BOXING

BOUT OF THE CENTURY

East Japan Boxing Promotion Eve

Behold the fighters!

Rikishi's killer,
Yabuki Joe!
Inaba Kumetarou
Huricane Baba
Lightining Gorou
The Bear,
Kamazama
The Shark, Suzuki
And others

GATHER 'ROUND, GATHER 'ROUND! THE SHOW'S ALREADY BEGUN!

IT'S THE BOUT OF THE CENTURY, HELD HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER!

COME EXPERIENCE THE THRILL THAT CAN'T BE SEEN ON TV!

GO GO GO!

SHOW US SOMETHING AS THRILLING AS CARLOS' LAST-ROUND COMEBACK KO!

C'MON, KILLER JOE!

HEY, YOU!

PSST.

I WANT TO SEE A REPLAY OF THAT LAST MINUTE WHEN HE GOT SERIOUS...

HM...

HEY! I SAID FIGHT!

AND HOW MUCH WAS AN ACT...?

MMM...

SPEAKING OF CARLOS, JUST HOW MUCH OF THAT FIGHT LAST NIGHT WAS REAL,

IS RIP HIS MASK OFF...

WHAT I REALLY WANNA DO,

HURRY UP AND ATTACK...!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?

WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW, KOUNO?

I SAID FIGHT, DAMN IT!

FIGHT!

AND FORCE HIM TO SHOW HIS REAL SKILLS...

DO YOU EVEN WANT TO FIGHT OR WHAT!

C'MON, GET SERIOUS ALREADY!

JUST WHEN I FINALLY MANAGE TO GET HIM ON THE RING, HE CAUSES EVEN MORE TROUBLE!

GAAAAH! THAT IDIOT IS RUINING THE ENTIRE SHOW!

THE HELL DO YA THINK YOU'RE DOIN' KILLER JOE!?

I WANT MY MONEY BACK!

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OH?

PUMMEL HIM UNTIL HE STOPS DAYDREAMING!

TO HELL WITH THE PLAN!

BREAK HIS FACE IN!

NOW'S OUR CHANCE!

C'MON!

WELL, DON'T BLAME ME IF I BREAK YOUR LIL' STAR, KOUNO!

OH REALLY ...?

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO GET CARLOS TO SHOW HIS TRUE STRENGTH...

WHOA!

FACE PUNCHES SO STRONG TO BE LETHAL...

HE'S GOTTA ...

HEH HEH.

HUH?

STILL DAY-DREAMING?

H-HE'S...

I'VE GOTTA GO RIGHT FOR HIS VERY LIFE,

SO THAT HE'LL LET OUT A GROAN,

YOU THINK YOU CAN LOOK DOWN ON ME!?

DAMN IT...

A PUNCH THAT WON'T GIVE HIM ANY LEEWAY FOR ACTING...

THAT HIS BODY CAN'T SUPPRESS NO MATTER WHAT...

I'VE ALREADY LOST MY TEMPER SO IF YOU WANT ME TO NOT BE ANGRY ANYMORE, I'LL NEED TO AT LEAST BEAT THIS IDIOT HALF TO DEATH!
DON'T GET ANGRY!?
DON'T GET ANGRY!
N-NO, STOP!
YOU KNOW WHAT, I'M NOT SURE MYSELF.
H-HEY, IS THAT GUY REALLY THE SAME YABUKI JOE WHO KILLED RIKIISHI...?
THIS IS GETTIN' REAL UGLY...
WHOA, KILLER JOE'S GETTING HIS ASS KICKED OUT THERE...

I DON'T CARE WHO BEATS WHOSE ASS! I JUST WANNA SEE SOME BLOOD!

AGHH, WHO GIVES A CRAP IF HE'S THE REAL JOE OR NOT!

I HEAR SOME OF THESE UNOFFICIAL FIGHT RINGS TRY TO TAKE US SMALL-TOWN FOLKS AS SUCKERS BY HAVING THEIR FIGHTERS POSE AS FAMOUS PEOPLE...

YEAH, BEAT HIS ASS!

PUNCH,

A...

SO SOMETHING...

THAT WON'T GIVE HIM ANY LEEWAY FOR ACTING...

LIKE THIS...

UGH...

AGHH...

. . . .

GAHH...

W-WHOA...

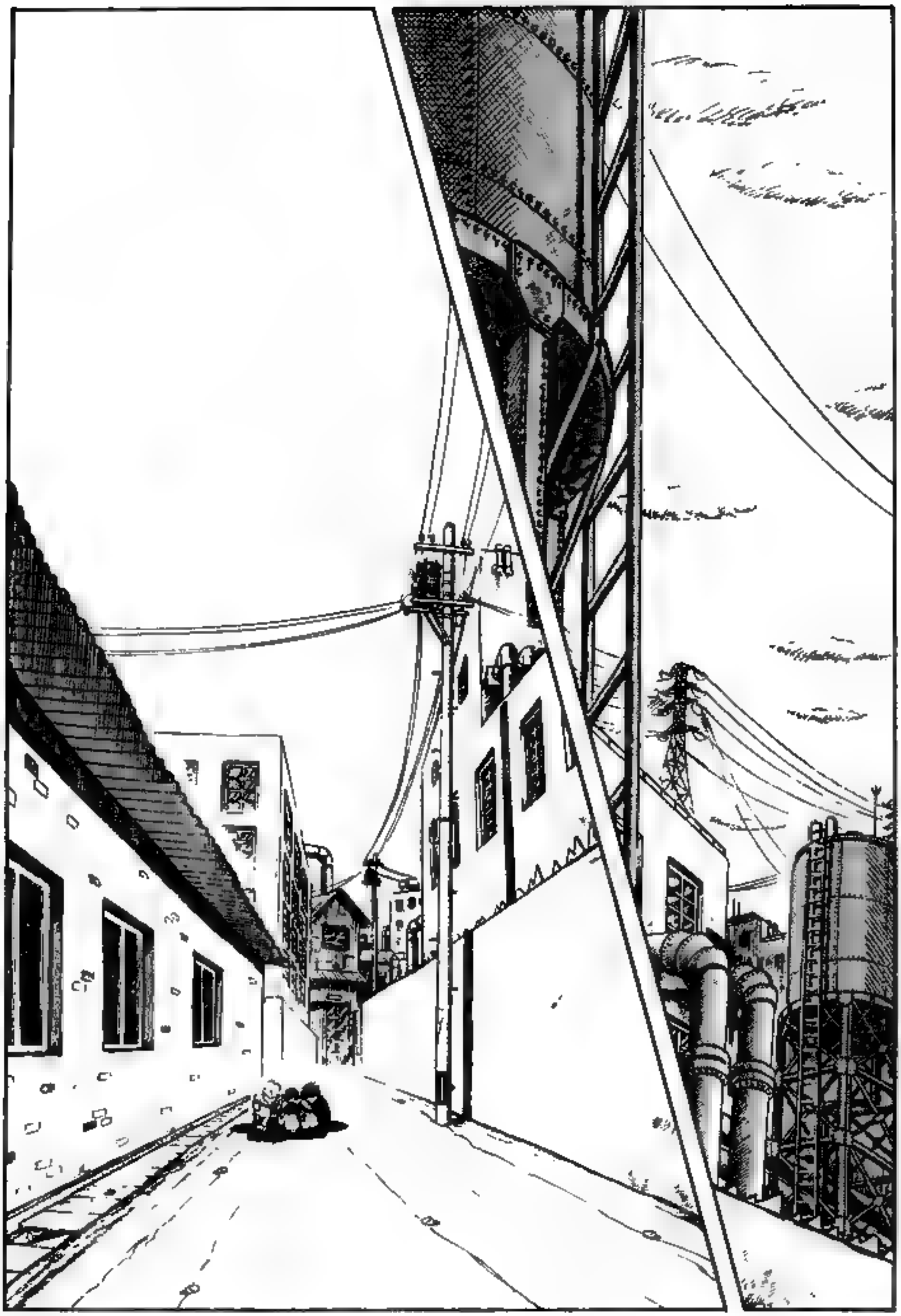
AHH...

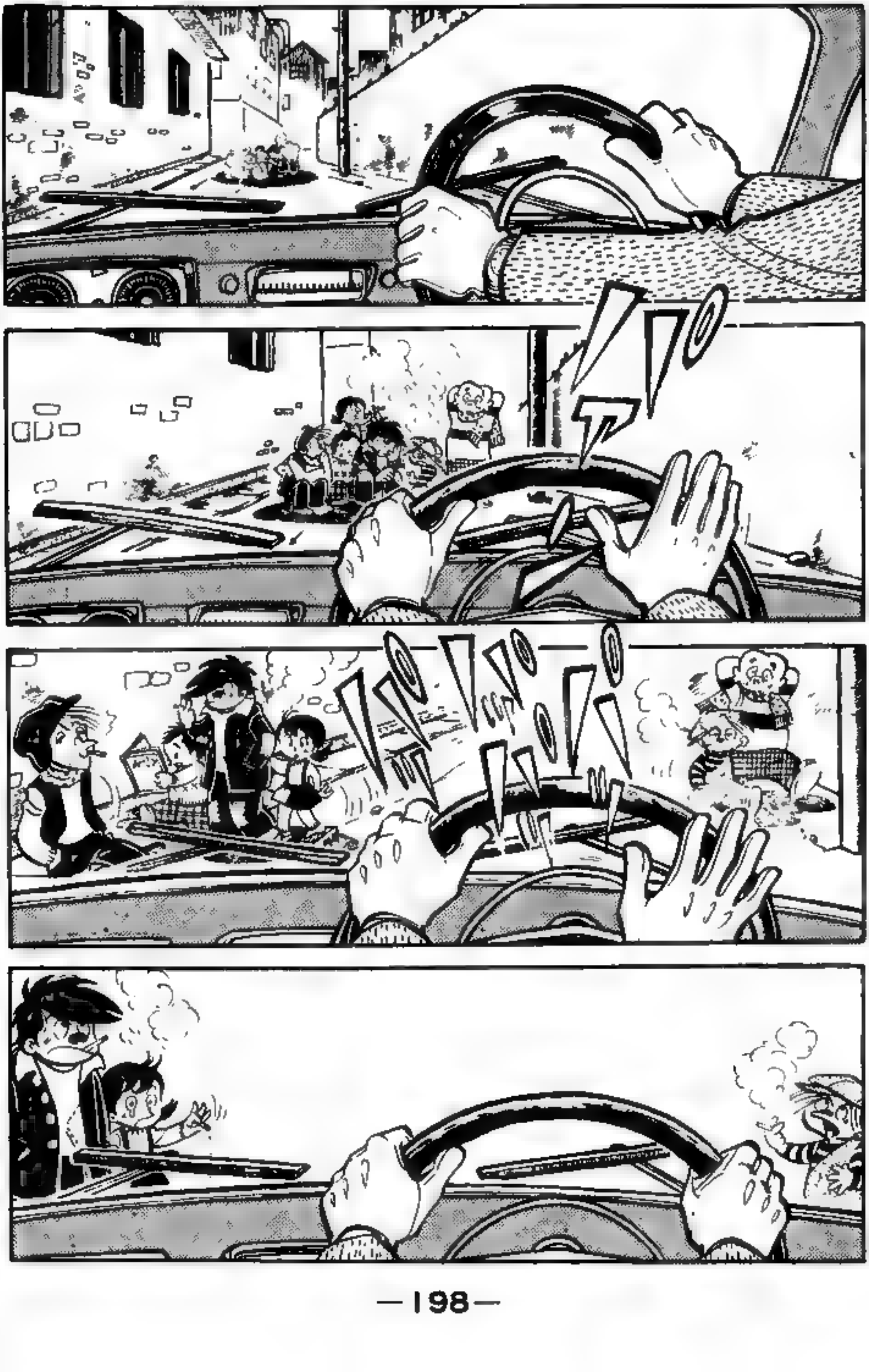
YEAH, JUST LIKE THAT...

LIGHH...

H-HE'S THE REAL JOE ALRIGHT...

HOLY MOLY...





OH DEAR LORD!

HUH?

K-KINOKO!

AGHHH!

OH MY GOD!

HANG IN THERE!

KINOKOOOO! ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?

OH NO! HE'S BEEN RUN OVER BY A CAR!

AH-

UGHH...

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU JUST STANDIN' THERE FOR!?

HEY JERKOFF!

AHHH!

AGHHH...

YOU WERE GOIN' 40, 50KM AN HOUR!

ARE YA KIDDIN'!? I SAW YOU WITH MY OWN EYES!

D'YA REALIZE JUST HOW FAST YOU WERE GOIN' ALONG THIS NARROW ROAD!?

MISTER,

W-W-WAIT JUST A MOMENT, I'M SURE I WAS WITHIN THE SPEED LIMITS.

RIGHT!

AM I RIGHT?

50!? MORE LIKE 70 IF YOU ASK ME!

YOU BIG LIAR! 30 MY ASS!

I WAS GOING BARELY 30 A ND LOOKING CAREFULLY AT-

N-NO, THERE'S NO WAY I WAS GOING 70...

WHA-

IF YOU WERE GOING BARELY 30, EXPLAIN HOW YOUR TIRES MADE SUCH A BIG SKID MARK!

HE'S JUST A LIL' KID!

YOU IDIOT!

I... I'M REAL SORRY... I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS HAPPENED EVEN THOUGH I HONKED THE HORN AS I PASSED YOU KIDS...

ARE YA AT LEAST GONNA APOLOGIZE OR ARE YA GONNA WHINE ALL DAY!?

LOOK! YOU JUST RAN OVER A KID!

YOUR HEAD? OR YOUR LEG?

WHERE DOES IT HURT?

NOW WHAT'RE YA GONNA DO ABOUT IT!?

YOU REALLY THINK A KID'S GONNA BE FAST ENOUGH TO GET OUTTA THE WAY 'CAUSE YA HONKED ONCE OR TWICE!? THAT KINDA THINKING IS PRECISELY WHY THIS ACCIDENT HAPPENED!

OWW OWW OWWW!

GET IN MY CAR, I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE HOSPITAL.

A-ARE YOU ALRIGHT...?

HANG IN THERE, KINOKO. WE'LL CARRY YOU TO THE HOSPITAL RIGHT AWAY. JUST LET ME TAKE CARE OF THIS FIRST THOUGH...

KEEP YOUR PAWS OFF!

DON'T TOUCH HIM!

YEAH, STAY AWAY FROM HIM!

I'M OFF TO THE POLICE THEN!

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ROGER THAT!

SACHI, GO CALL THE POLICE.

THIS'LL ALL BE OVER QUICK IF WE LEAVE IT UP TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES.

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I'M OFF TO THE POLICE!

I SAID...

YOU OKAY WITH THAT?

S-SHE'S GONE TO CALL THE POLICE, MISTER.

AHEM.

AHEM.

UHH,

HUH?

QUIET! JUST LEAVE HIM TO ME.

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

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OH FOR THE LOVE OF...!

WELL, THE ACCIDENT WAS MY FAULT SO I DESERVE IT...

IS THAT WE MIGHT NOT HAFTA CALL THE POLICE.

WHAT I'M SAYIN',

ON THE STREETS?

YO, MISTER.

WE CAN SETTLE THIS "ON THE STREETS,"

YOU CATCH MY DRIFT?

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YOU GET ME?

THAT IS, IF YA COVER THE HOSPITAL AND MENTAL TRAUMA COSTS.

WHAT'RE YOU KIDS UP TO?

GIVE US THE MONEY FOR THE DOCTOR, YOU CROOK!

WELL!? DO YOU UNDERSTAND OR NOT!?

KINOKO, WHAT'RE YA LYING ON THE GROUND FOR?

.....

AH!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

MAMMOTH NISHI!?

WELL, UMM... Y-YES, TO BE FRANK...

HELLO THERE. LET ME GUESS, YOU HIT A KID WITH YOUR CAR?

IT'S ONE OF THE 7 GREAT MYSTERIES OF THIS NEIGHBOURHOOD! HAHAHA!

FUNNY THING. KIDS SEEM TO GET RUN OVER ALL THE TIME HERE!

ALRIGHT, ENOUGH WITH YOUR GAMES. GET UP.

T-T-T-THAT BIG FAT BLOCKHEAD...!

NO NEED, NO NEED. JUST DRIVE ALONG NOW.

I REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU.

GEE, UMM... THANKS.

TAKE CARE!

LET ME TAKE CARE OF THE ACCIDENT FOR YOU.

LOOK, I KNOW THESE KIDS WELL SO DON'T WORRY AND JUST LEAVE IT TO ME.

B-BUT, I...

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STILL PLAYIN' YOUR GRIFTING GAMES?

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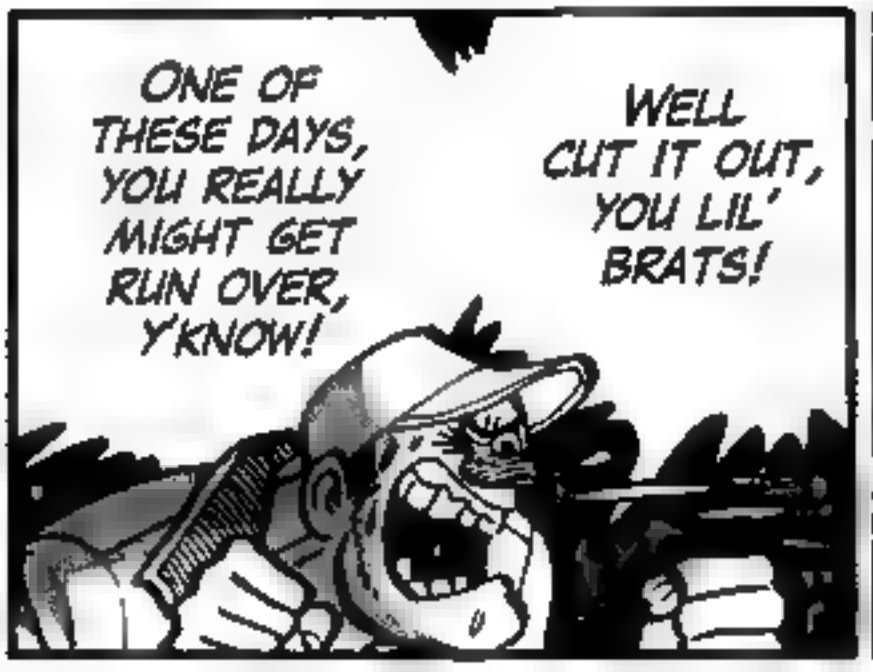
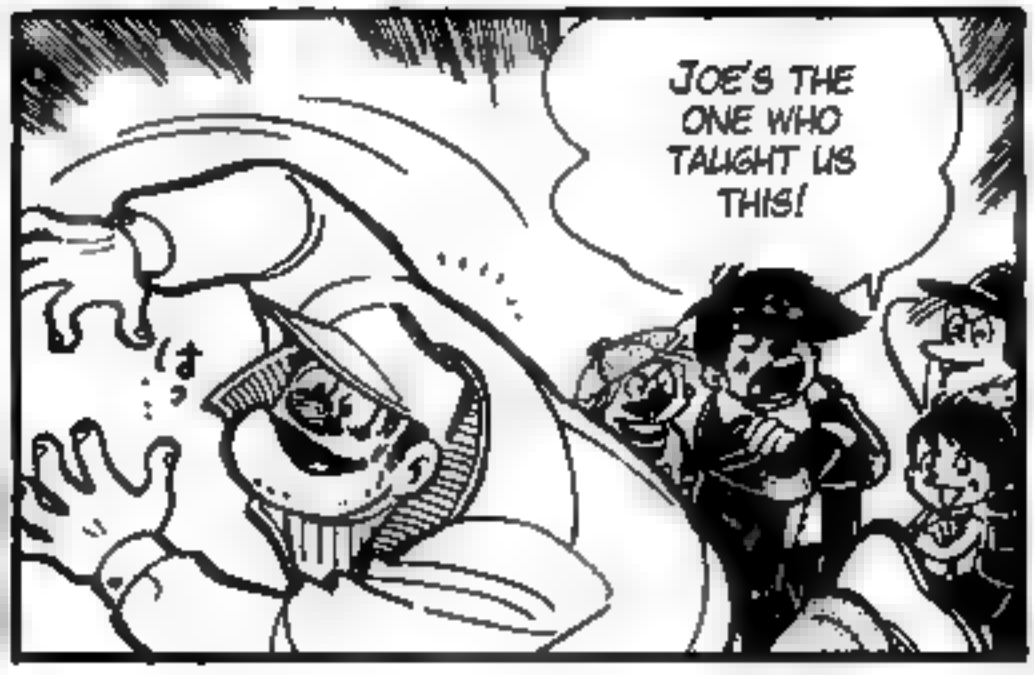
Hi

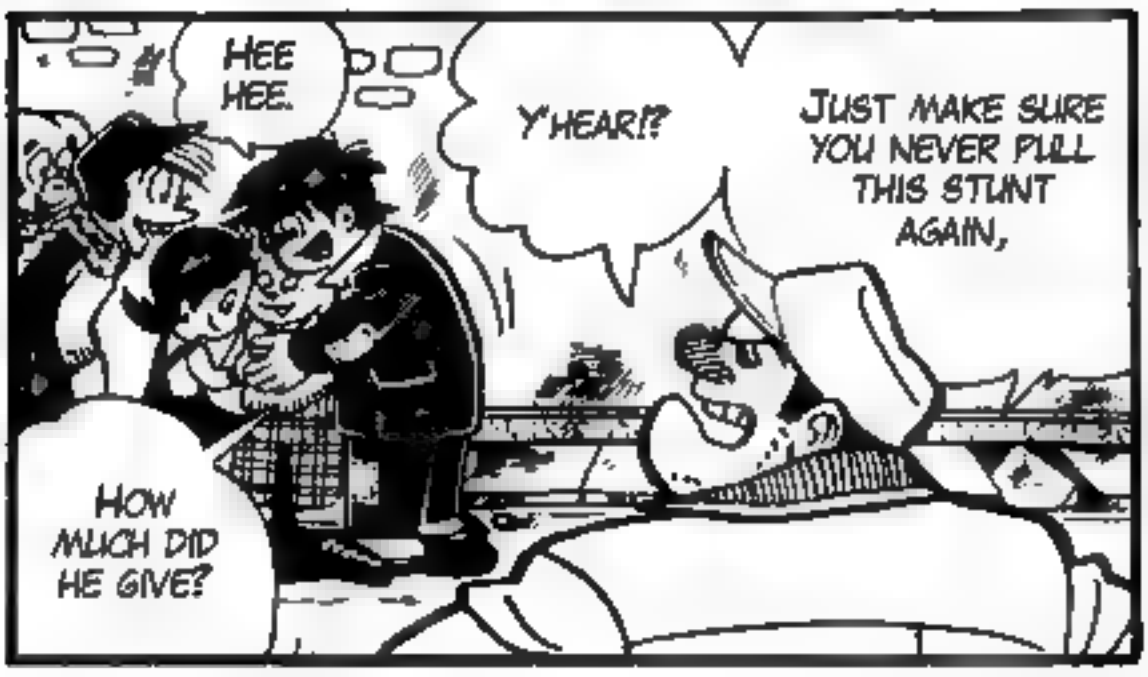
RUNNIN' AMOK AGAIN JUST BECAUSE JOE'S NO LONGER HERE...

YOU KIDS REALLY ARE INCORRIGIBLE...
AM I WRONG?

Y'KNOW, IF I TOLD HIM WHAT YOU KIDS WERE UP TO RIGHT NOW,
HE'D BE MIIIGHTY DISAPPOINTED...


ONE OF THESE DAYS, YOU REALLY MIGHT GET RUN OVER, Y'KNOW!
WELL CUT IT OUT, YOU LIL' BRATS!


JOE'S THE ONE WHO TAUGHT US THIS!


HEE HEE.
Y'HEAR!?
JUST MAKE SURE YOU NEVER PULL THIS STUNT AGAIN,
HOW MUCH DID HE GIVE?

IF IT'S POCKET MONEY YOU NEED, I CAN SPARE YOU SOME.
HERE.

GEEZ...

I SAID.... DID YOU HEAR ME!?

YEAH, YEAH, WE HEARD YOU!

HE'S GOT ONE HECK OF A CANNON FOR A VOICE.

UGH, MY EARS...

林屋食品店
SORRY, THERE WAS THIS LITTLE THING I HAD TO TAKE CARE OF FIRST.
HEY THERE, NISHI. WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU TOOK LONGER THAN USUAL TO GET BACK.

UMM, NO, NOT YET...
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU SHOULD HAVE SOME LUNCH. YOU HAVEN'T EATEN YET, HAVE YOU?
NO, WAIT! TAKE AND MATSU ARE ALREADY OUT DOING THE ORDERS.

BUT I'LL RUN OUT NOW AND GO TAKE THE ORDERS.

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FOR LUNCH, I'VE GOT A STEAMING HOT BOWL OF UDON READY.

IT'S YOUR FAVOURITE, RIGHT?

OHH!

THANK YOU, MA'AM.

I'M BACK.

OH, WELCOME HOME, NORIKO.

YOU'RE HOME EARLY TODAY. DO YOU WANT SOME UDON?

ALRIGHT THEN.

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NO, I'M FINE, THANK YOU.

WORKING AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE CLOSE TO THE SCHOOL.

I SPOTTED MR. DANPEI,

YOU SAW THE OLD MAN?

WHILE WALKING HOME,

I ONLY SAW HIM FROM AFAR BUT HE LOOKED MUCH SMALLER THAN BEFORE... AND IT LOOKED AS IF THE SHOVEL WAS TOO HEAVY FOR HIM...

I SHOULD GO PAY HIM A VISIT TONIGHT AFTER WORK.

I HAVEN'T SEEN THE OLD MAN FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW...

YOU SEEM LIKE YOU'RE WORKING HARD THESE DAYS...

STILL IMPRES-SIVE.

YEAH, JUST TWO MORE.
I HEAR THE STORE'S EVEN HIRED SOME MORE EMPLOYEES RECENTLY.
WITH MORE CUSTOMERS THAN EVER,

NO, THEY GIVE ME TOO MUCH CREDIT...
MR. AND MRS. HAYASHI ARE ALWAYS GOING ABOUT HOW THEIR RECENT SUCCESS IS ALL THANKS TO YOU.

JUST WHERE AND WHAT JOE'S DOING RIGHT ABOUT NOW...

I WONDER...

YOU WENT TO SEE JOE!?

Y-Y-YOU...

I WENT TO ONE OF THE PLACES HIS FIGHT WAS BEING HELD.

SOME TIME AGO,

HE JUST MIGHT GET HIS FEET BACK UP ON THE PRO-BOXING WORLD SOON ENOUGH...

HOW WAS HE!?

S-SO... WELL!?

RIGHT NOW, HIS HEAD'S FULL OF THOUGHTS ABOUT THAT HOTSHOT SOUTH AMERICAN BOXER HERE IN JAPAN CALLED CARLOS...

W-WHA?

I'VE ONLY SEEN HIM LIKE THAT ONCE BEFORE, AND THAT WAS JUST BEFORE HE FOUGHT RIKIISHI...

THE PROBLEM IS IF HE'LL BE ABLE TO COME OUT FROM THE STREETS OKAY.

'COURSE,

FROM DAY 'TIL NIGHT,

CARLOS

IT'S CARLOS THIS AND CARLOS THAT. NOTHING ELSE, NOT EVEN WHAT'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIM, ENTERS HIS SIGHT.

I JUST HOPE THEY WON'T ROUGH HIM UP TOO MUCH WHEN HE TRIES TO LEAVE.

BY THE LOOKS OF HIS CO-WORKERS, HE DEFINITELY AIN'T POPULAR.

SO JUST GIVE ME A BREAK.

EVER SINCE THAT THUNDERSTORM, I'VE LOST ALL INTEREST IN FIGHTING HIM.

I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU NO...

THERE'S REALLY NO ONE HERE BUT YOU THAT CAN KEEP UP WITH THAT MONSTER.

I UNDERS-TAND BUT...

SO PLEASE, INABA. I'M BEGGING YOU.

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE SKILLED ENOUGH TO WAKE JOE UP FROM DAYDREAMING ALL DAY.

HMM...

SO YOU JUST WANT ME TO WAKE HIM UP, IS THAT IT?

HEY WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA!? THERE AIN'T NO SUCH THING AS A BOXING-SOLO!

WHERE'S HIS FREAKIN' OPPONENT!?

KILLER JOE'S GONNA CATCH A COLD IF YOU JUST LEAVE HIM HANGIN' HERE LIKE THIS!

I ASKED IF ALL I HAVE TO DO IS WAKE HIM UP.

W-WHAT DID YOU SAY JUST NOW?

THAT'S EXACTLY IT!

Y-YES!

HUH...?

I'LL DO IT, BRO!

CAN SOMEONE TIE MY GLOVES UP FOR ME?

ALRIGHT THEN,

IT'S ABOUT TIME SOMEONE TEACHES THAT ARROGANT SON OF A GUN SOME MANNERS!

DON'T GIVE HIM A MOMENT TO COUNTER-ATTACK!

HMPH. ALL YA GOTTA DO IS COME OUT STRONG RIGHT FROM THE GET-GO.

HE MIGHT LOOK LIKE HE'S NOT PAYING ANY ATTENTION, BUT THAT'S HOW HE GETS YA.

DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, INABA.

WHAT ABOUT THE SCRIPT?

KOUNO,

PFFT!

ISN'T THAT STRATEGY EXACTLY WHAT GOT YOU MESSED UP?

FINE, I'LL GO WITH THE ONE PLANNED FOR THE NIGHT BACK THEN.

SO YOU DON'T HAVE ONE?

YOU KNOW JUST AS WELL AS I DO THAT THAT IDIOT WON'T GO ALONG WITH A SCRIPTED F-

THE SCRIPT?

I'LL GET HIM BACK FOR BREAKING YOUR SHOULDER.

I'M OFF THEN.

GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU, KOUNO?

THE ONE WHERE WE TRADE PUNCHES UNTIL THE LAST 15 SECONDS, WHEN HE HITS A KO BLOW...

I-INABA...?

HOW LONG WERE YA ON THE JOHN FOR!? WHAT'RE YOU, CONSTIPATED?

YOU KNOW JUST HOW MANY DRINKS I'VE HAD WHILE WAITIN' FOR YER SORRY ASS!?

HEY, HE'S COMING OUT!

AHAHAHAHA!

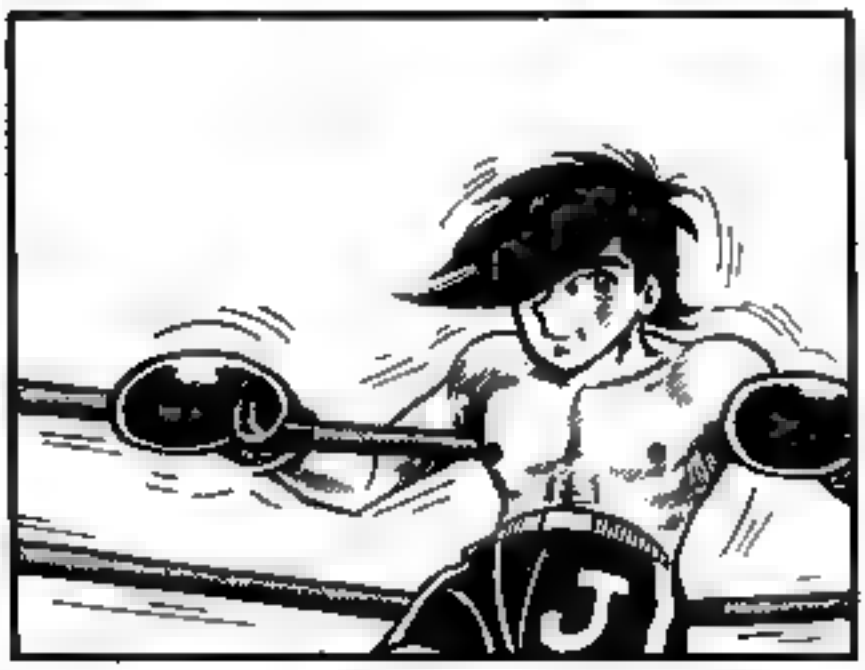
HA?!

YOU GON' APOLOGIZE OR WHAT!?
THAT'S SOME ATTITUDE FROM A GUY WHO'S LATE!
OH, TRYIN' TO ACT COOL, EH?

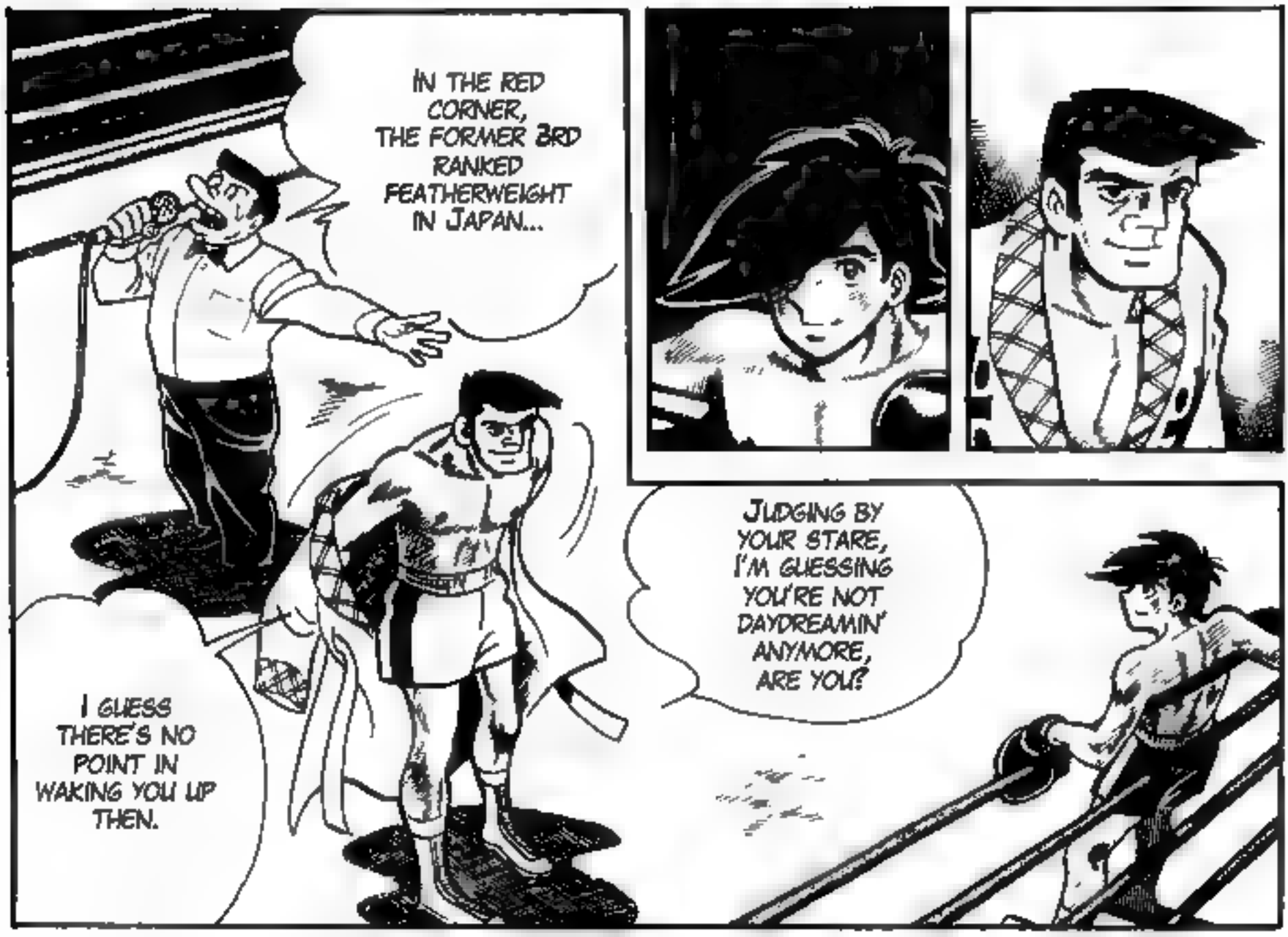
AHHH!
ACK!

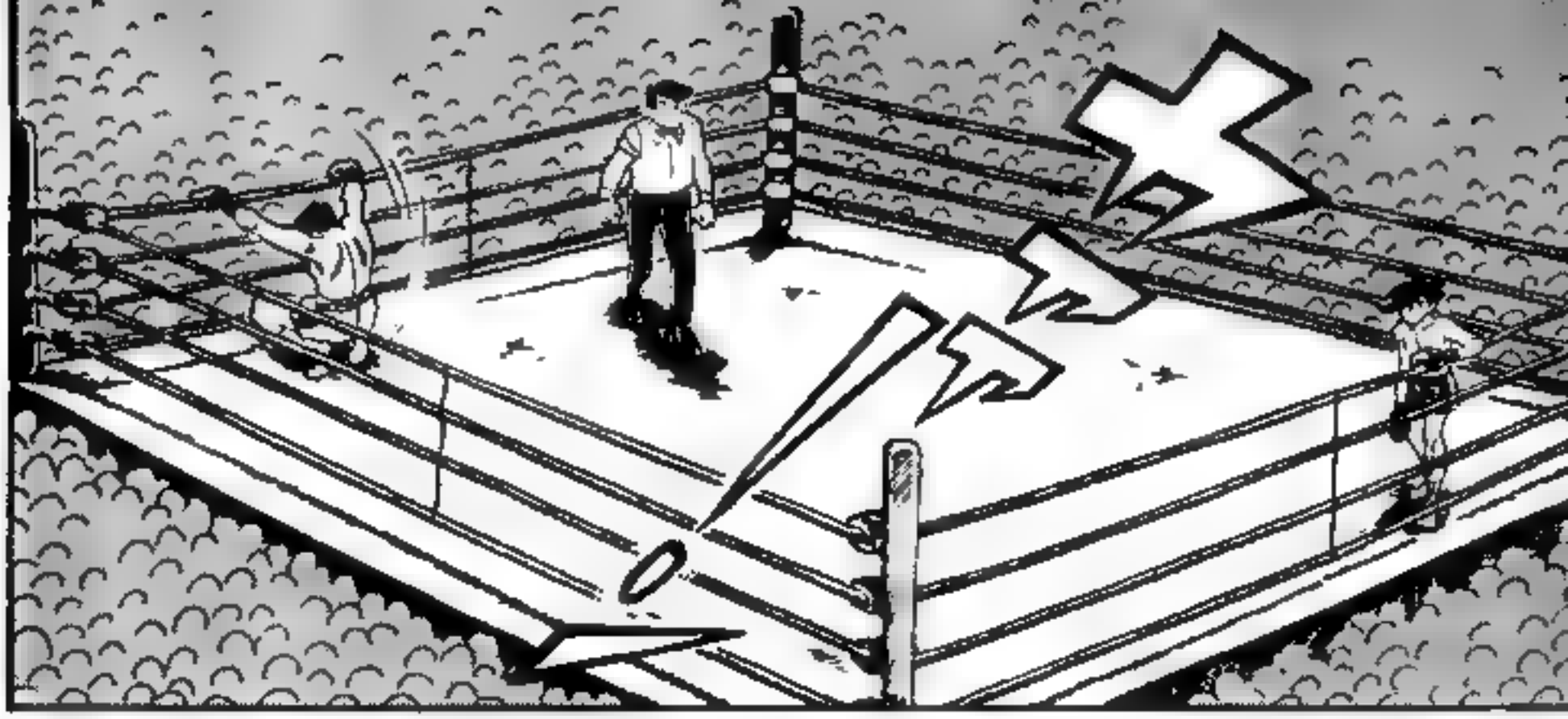
PRETTY PLEASE? C'MON, JUST LOOK HOW DESPERATE I AM RIGHT NOW.

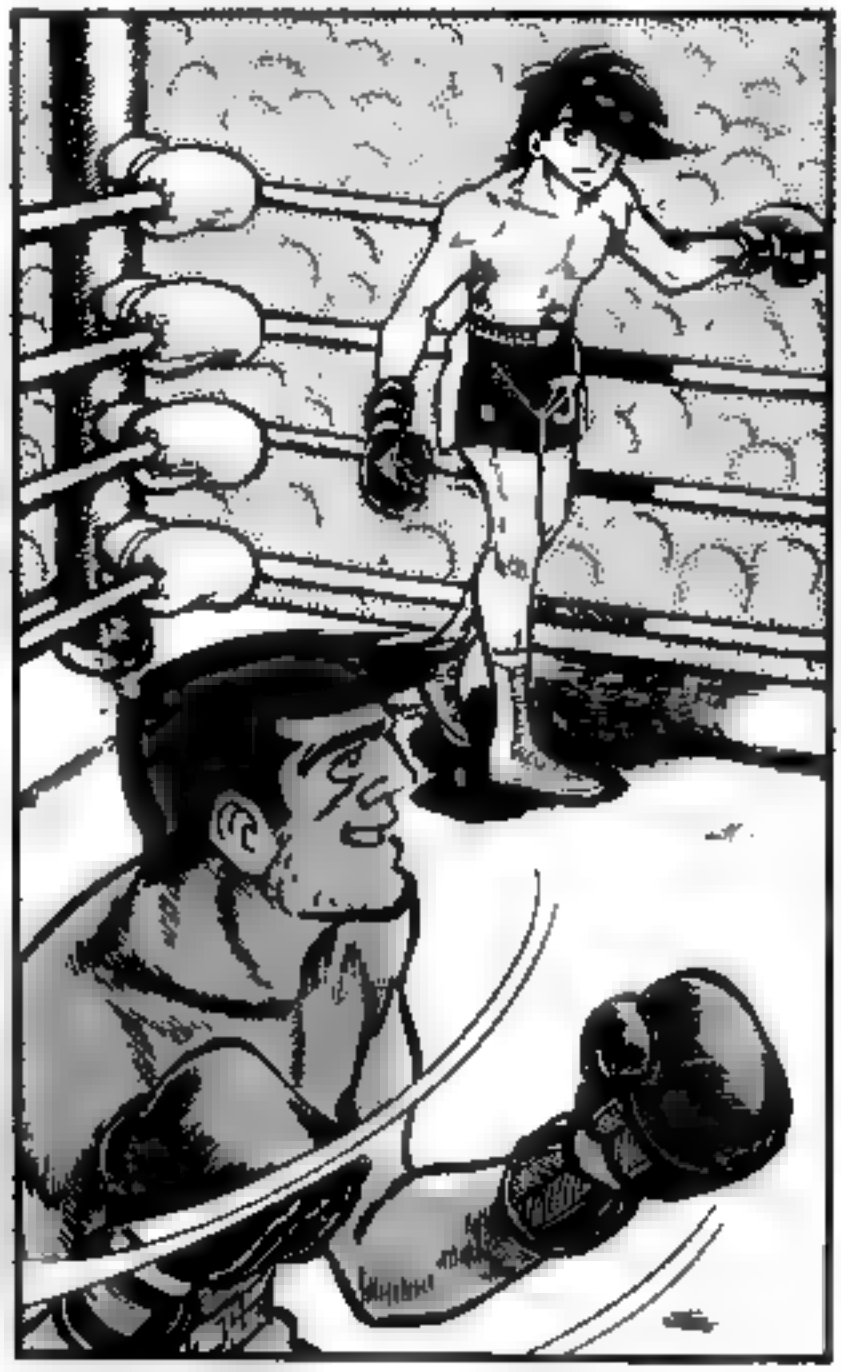
NGHH...
WE CAN'T EVER DO BUSINESS IN THIS TOWN AGAIN IF YOU ATTACK THE CROWD!
N-NO WAIT, INABA!
SO STOP!



FINE.
JUST RING THE BELL.


IN THE RED CORNER, THE FORMER 3RD RANKED FEATHERWEIGHT IN JAPAN...
I GUESS THERE'S NO POINT IN WAKING YOU UP THEN.
JUDGING BY YOUR STARE, I'M GUESSING YOU'RE NOT DAYDREAMIN' ANYMORE, ARE YOU?





HUH?
CARLOS...

HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT STARE JUST A SECOND AGO!?

SO SNAP BACK TO REALITY ALREADY!
SHOW SOME RESPECT FOR YOUR SENIOR OUT ON THE RING, WILL YA!?
WHAM!
WELL!?
OOF...
UGH!

THE REASON,

YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR DEAL IS?

WHY YOU CAN'T KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN IS 'CAUSE YOU DRIFTED OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF BUMBLEFUCK JUST TO HORSE AROUND WITH A BUNCH OF AMATEURS!

MESS HIM UP GOOD! MESS HIM UP REAL GOOD!

ATTA BOY, INABA!

LOOK AT'IM GO!

HOLY MOLY...

WHOA-HO-HO!

SO IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU TOOK YOUR SORRY ASS,

KEEP ATTACKING! HE'S STILL DANGEROUS!

THAT'S IT, INABA!

GIVE HIM AN UPPERCUT!

HEH HEH.

BACK TO TOKYO!

T-THAT'S A DOWN! BACK TO YOUR CORNER!

PIPE DOWN AND BACK OFF, SQUIRT.

THEN HURRY UP AND GO MEET HIM ALREADY.

IF THAT CARLOS IS ON YOUR MIND SO DAMN MUCH,

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WHA!?

HUH!?

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WAS THIS EVER IN THE SCRIPT...?

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WHAT'RE YOU DOIN', INABA?

W-W-WHAT'S GOING ON?

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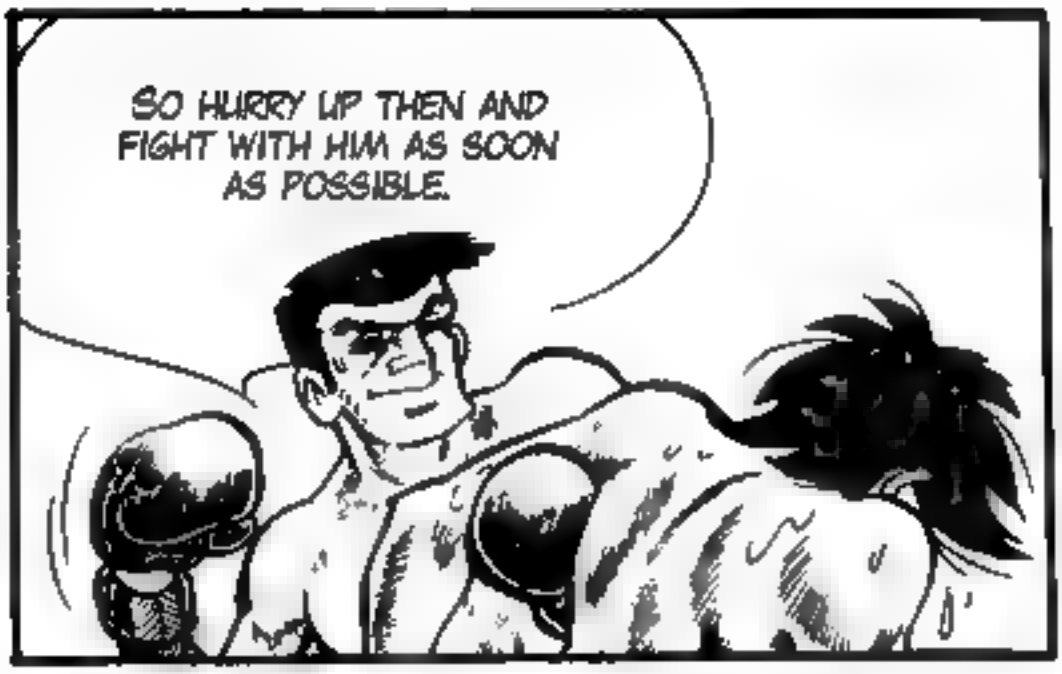
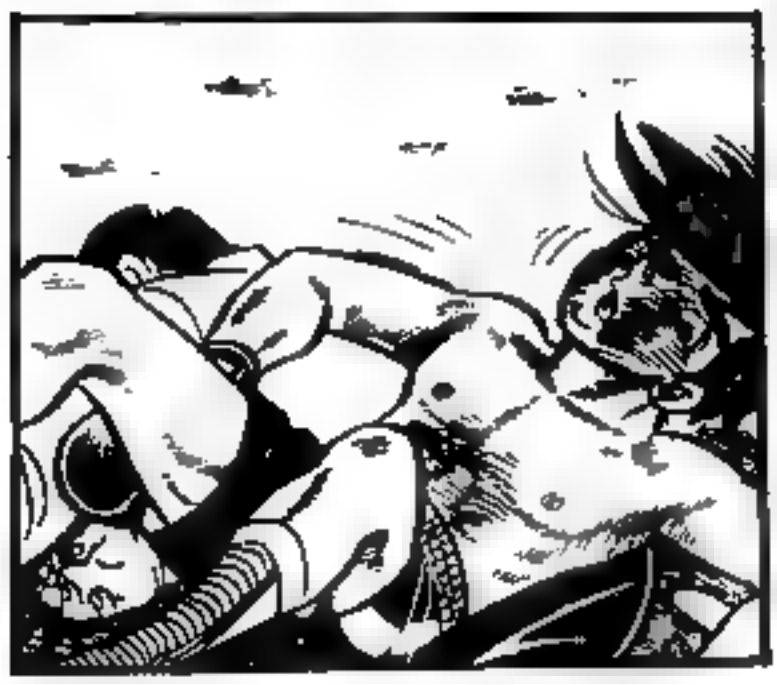
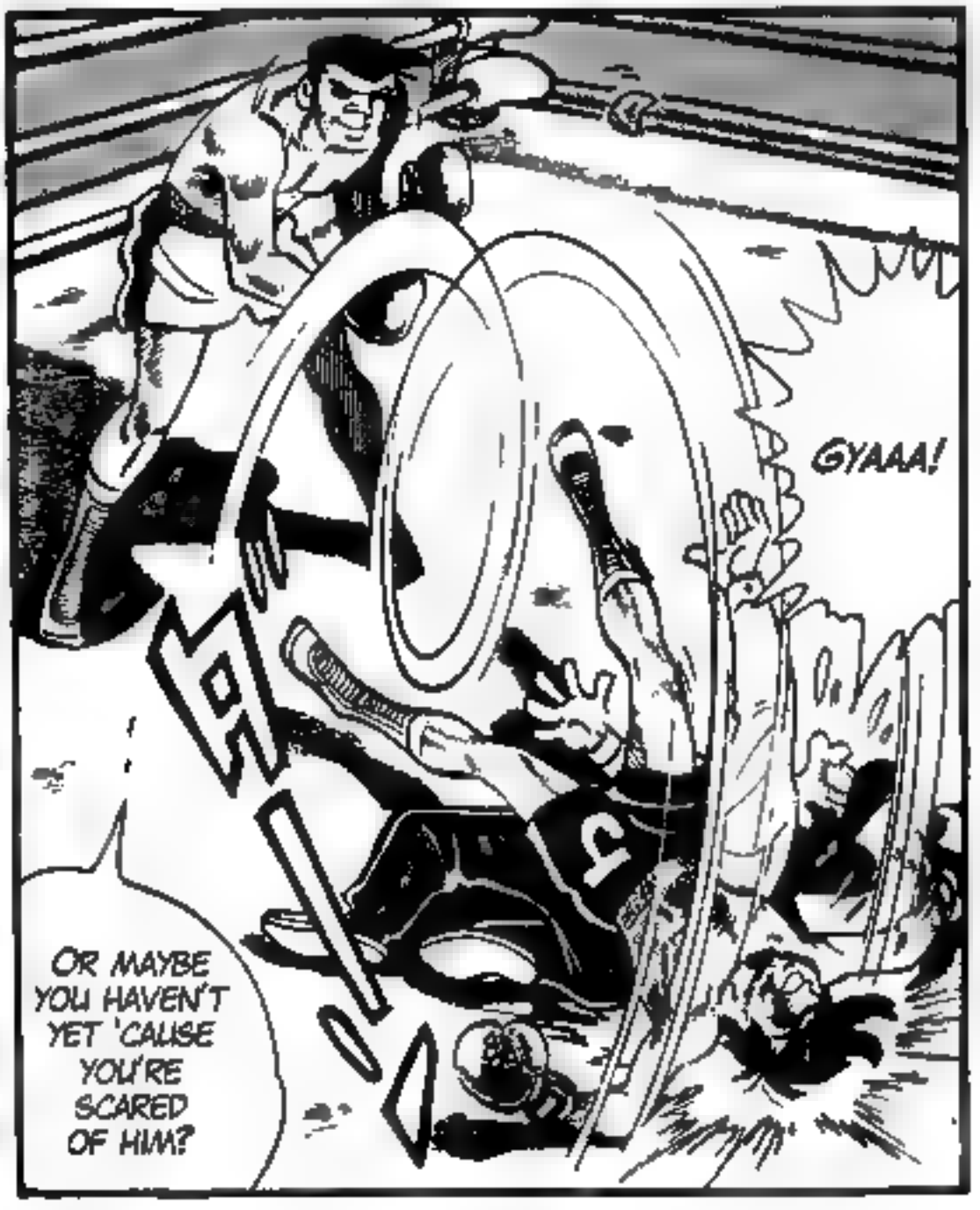

SO HURRY UP THEN AND FIGHT WITH HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

EVEN WITHOUT ME TELLING YOU, THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WANTING TO DO, AIN'T IT?

OR MAYBE... HEH HEH.




GYAAA!
OR MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T YET 'CAUSE YOU'RE SCARED OF HIM?

FINALLY AWAKE, ARE YA?
OH?
IF YOU REALLY DID UNDERSTAND WHAT I JUST SAID, PROVE IT BY PUNCHING ME IN THE FACE.
SEEMS LIKE MY WORDS ARE GETTIN' THROUGH TO YOU AT LAST.
I SAID HIT ME!
WELL!?
PUT YOUR HIPS INTO IT AND PUNCH WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT...
GOOD...

KOOH!!

W-WHO TOLD YOU TO PUNCH MY STOMACH... YOU DUMBASS...

HEH.

BACK TO TOKYO NOW.

GET YOUR ASS,

WELL, WHATEVER.

WAIT, WHAT!?

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HUH!?

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN THERE TOO...

WHAT A LOAD OF HORSECRAP!

FIRST THE REF GETS HIT AND NOW ONE OF THE FIGHTERS JUST GETS UP AND LEAVES!?

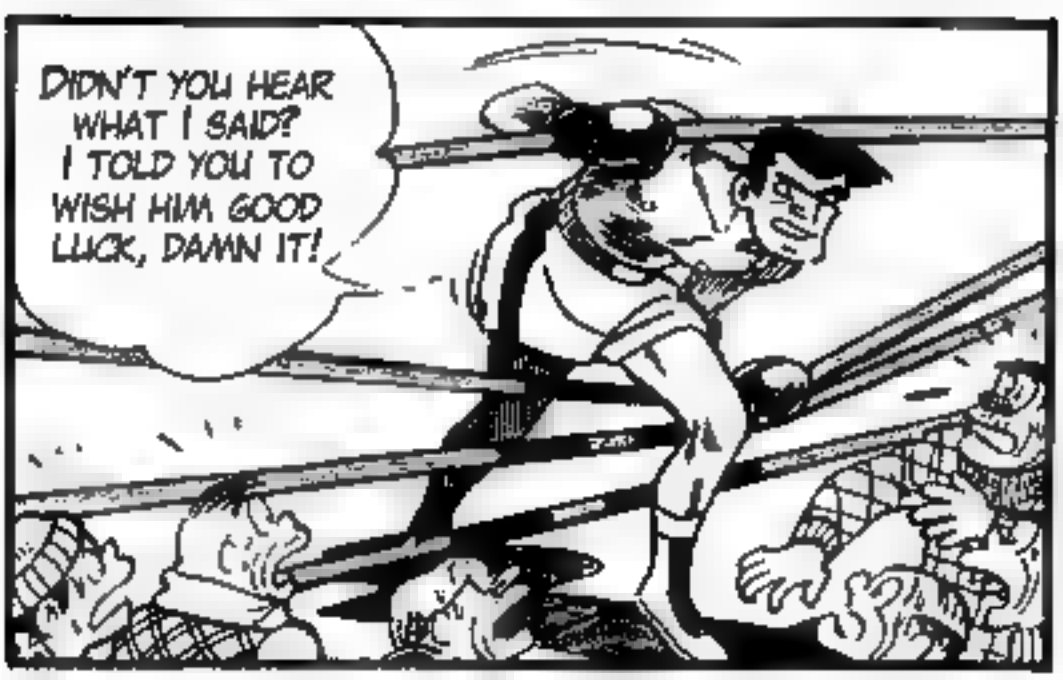
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT!?

ARE THEY SERIOUS?

W-W-WHAT'S GOING WITH THIS MATCH...?

YOU SHOULD ALL WISH HIM GOOD LUCK.
A MAN HAS JUST SET OUT ON A NEW PATH OF HIS LIFE.

SHUT YOUR TRAP!
YOU LYIN' PACK OF FRAUDS!
I WANT MY MONEY BACK!

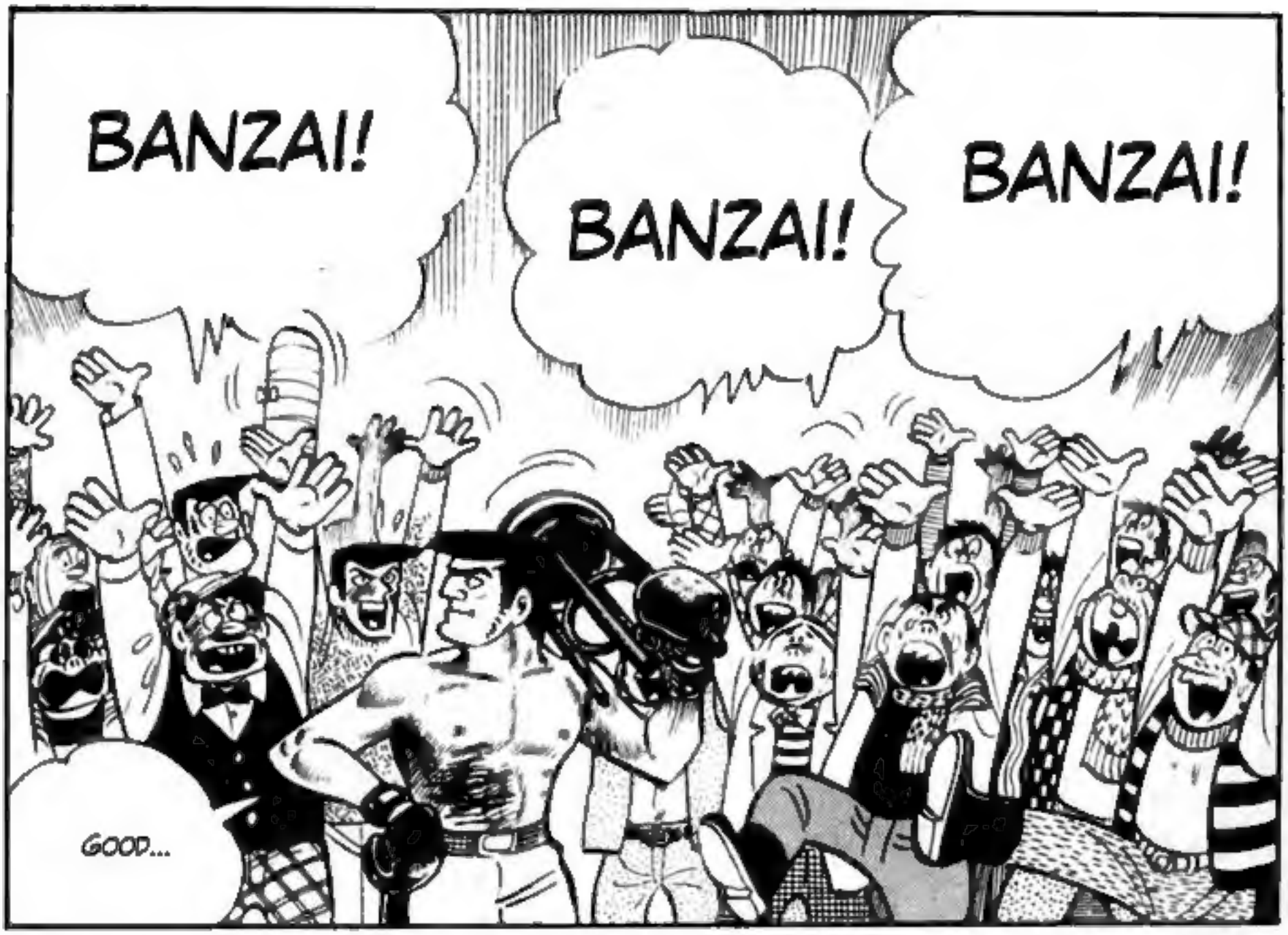

DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID? I TOLD YOU TO WISH HIM GOOD LUCK, DAMN IT!

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT?
HE JUST TOLD US TO WISH HIM GOOD LUCK.
NEW PATH OF WHAT?

1, 2, 3...
ON 3.

WE'LL WISH HIM GOOD LUCK, WE SWEAR!
W-WE DON'T WANT NO TROUBLE...
WHOA-WHOA-WHOA, CALM DOWN THERE.

PUT SOME ENERGY INTO IT!
BANZAI...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GOOD...

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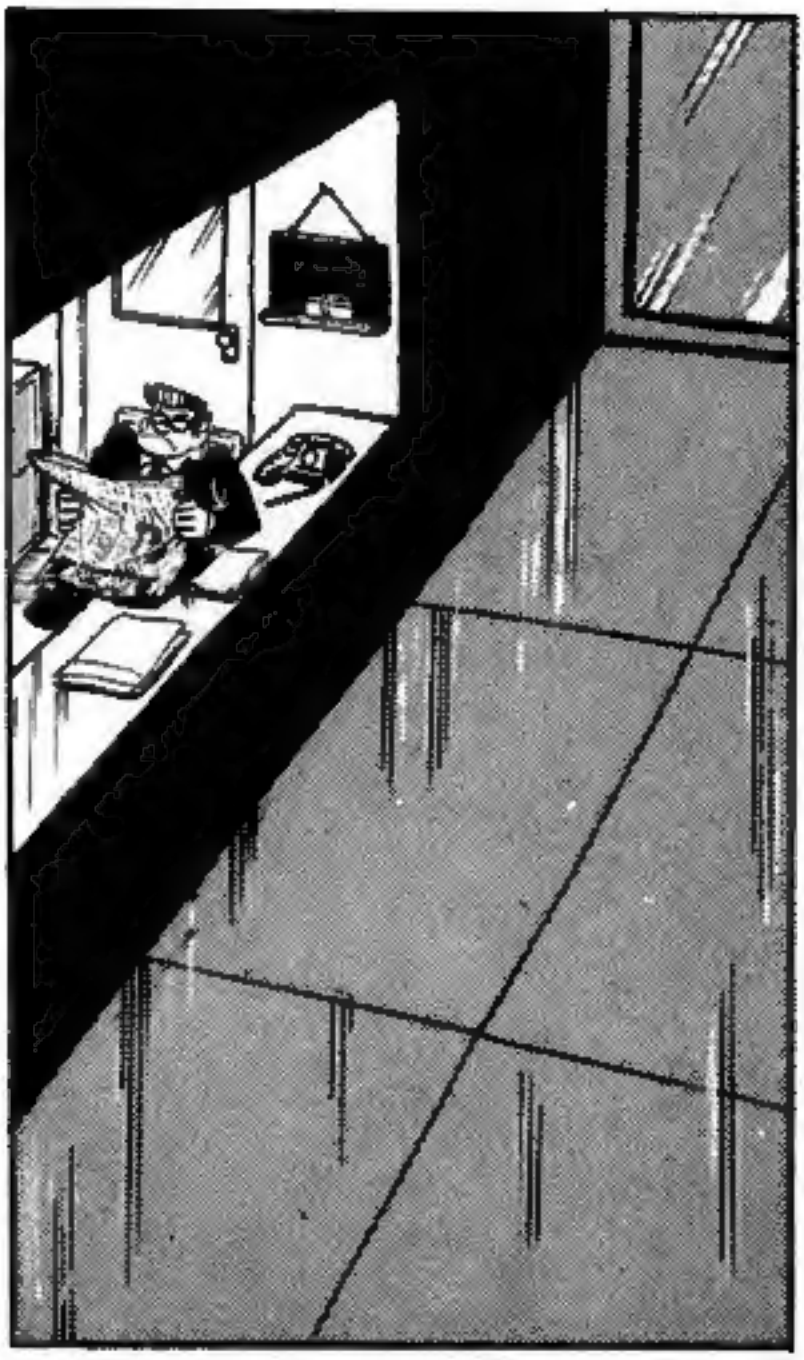

DON'T JUST KEEP THE DOOR OPEN, YOU'RE LETTING THE WIND IN!
H-HEY!

YABUKI?
ビク!!

MY NAME'S YABUKI.
YOU MIND GETTING ME IN TOUCH WITH A MAN NAMED CARLOS RIVERA?

M-MR. YABUKI...
H-HOLD ON A MOMENT,
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